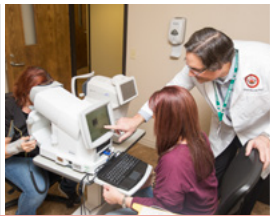




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District 13 race set for June 27

District 13 incumbent Bobbi Bowden



Bobbi Bowden

As the June 27 Election Day draws near, we spoke with District 13 incumbent Bobbi Bowden about the challenges facing Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Indian Country and how she would address them.

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the Tribe?

“The greatest challenge facing the Tribe at this time is the rapid growth of our enrollment. While it is exciting to see our Nation grow to more than 32,000 members, we must continue to grow our enterprises and increase our revenue so we are able to continue to provide the services which so many benefit from and depend on. These benefits include prescriptions, medical services and scholarships to provide education for our future leaders, just to name a few. In order to do this, the legislative branch must continue to work together with our executive leaders to ensure continued success of our enterprises so we may continue to provide benefits to our membership.”

How do you see the Tribe continuing the growth, in economic and population terms, in the coming years?

“I believe our Tribe will continue to grow by population and economically in the coming years. When our Nation implemented our new constitution and added legislative representatives in each district, this gave us the opportunity to get information out to members throughout the United States. We are blessed to have incredible legislative representatives in each district that have ‘taken the bull by the horns’ and informed citizens in their districts of the benefits, the traditions and the pride of being a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

“As our population grows we are blessed beyond measure to have leadership with the vision to help our economic future grow. We have to work closely to implement new business plans and ideas that will allow our Nation to continue to prosper.”

What is your take on the Tribe’s disputes with the City of Shawnee?

“It is very hard for me to put into words. I do not understand how the city leaders and some of the residents do not see the positive impact the Tribe has on the city of Shawnee and the State of Oklahoma. Not only is the Tribe the largest employer in Pottawatomie County with more than 2,200 employees, we continue to donate to local

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District 13 challenger Samuel Navarre



Samuel Navarre

As the June 27 Election Day draws near, we spoke with District 13 challenger Samuel Navarre about the challenges facing Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Indian Country and how he would address them.

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the Tribe?

“The greatest challenge facing us will be our transition when the chairman and vice-chairman retire. We will need people who are qualified and trustworthy to be prepared to step in and fill the roles without expecting to have total control. We want someone who is after the responsibility and not the paycheck. I will argue for term limits and a reduced salary to help prevent greed and irresponsibility from entering the offices. Of course the top positions deserve to be compensated, but not at the same rate as someone who has more than 20-years’ experience.”

How do you see the Tribe continuing the growth, in economic and population terms, in the coming years?

“I see the business growth of our Tribe as successful when we diversify. Currently we have casino money to pick up the slack, but Texas and Kansas will have casinos in the future. So we must find different areas we can develop businesses that produce items that are in demand worldwide rather than focus on retail sales and money created from gambling.

“As for the population, it will continue to expand as long as we can prevent a blood quantum from being put in place. We just need to take the time to educate all of our new members on the history and lifeways of our ancestors from here on out. Our identity as a specific people has suffered during our growth as a corporate entity.”

What is your take on the Tribe’s dispute with the City of Shawnee?

“The argument with Shawnee stems from a dispute over a 3 percent sales tax that doesn’t have to be charged to Native people but always has been. The city wants something they have no right to and it is the result of more than 20-years of business practice. So we can’t just return the money.

“I have always felt that Potawatomi and all tribes should be exempt from this tax because the exemption would directly affect the people in a good way. There should be more incentives for Natives to shop at our

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Where to stay during Festival



With Festival approaching on June 26-28, now is the time to begin booking hotels and spaces in and around CPN Headquarters. View a listing of lodgings with addresses and phone numbers in our where to stay guide,

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E&T’s Zientek testifies before Congress

It isn’t everyday that a Potawatomi testifies before the United States Congress. Tribal member and Asst. Director for the CPN Employment and Training Department Margaret Zientek did just that on April 13 as she spoke the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs concerning House Resolution 329.

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Myanabe, CPN’s golden eagle

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Eagle Aviary is home to bald eagles and various other species of birds. In one way or another, almost all the aviary’s residents are unable to fly. Recently the aviary took in a golden eagle because the facility that housed him no longer had room. CPN Eagle Aviary manager Jennifer Randell and staff member Bree Dunham sat down with the *Hownikan* to answer a few questions about this newest tenant.



What is the golden eagle’s name and how old is he?

“*Myanabe* is our two and a half going on three, male golden eagle.”

How and where did you get him?

“He came from a Comanche Nation aviary facility called Sia in Cyril, Okla. He was transferred to Sia from a local bird rehabber. He was injured in Kansas when he flew across a road and was struck by a vehicle. After some testing, they found out he had lead poisoning.



Feathers on the back of his head show he is a Golden Eagle.

The lead poisoning is what led to the muscle weakness and him not being able to fly well. As a result of that, he also can’t see very well.”

How did you come up with his name?

“His Potawatomi name means “sees poorly.” The Comanche facility named him Pooweywat which means “can’t see literally.” There is a gentleman in their tribe who he is named after.

We wanted to give him a name that honored his Comanche name. For us it was important to give him a Potawatomi name because the Creator can’t see your face if you don’t have a Potawatomi name. Since these birds can no longer fly high enough to look at the Creator, we felt it important that he get one.”

What do you do with him?

“He is used for education

programs. Because of his limited vision, sometimes that can be a challenge for an education bird, but he likes the social interaction. We’re not able to put him in a big flight enclosure because he could injure himself.

We keep him tethered to take him out to education programs because that interaction is good for him. Also it’s great to take a live eagle to a presentation and let people have the up close interaction with a bird.”



Scan this QR code to watch a video about Myanabe.

Bobbi Bowden continued...

nonprofits in Pottawatomie County, contribute to Oklahoma schools and pay millions in taxes and payments in lieu of taxes.

“To me, it would be a very easy decision for the City of Shawnee to want a good working relationship with the Tribe and work together to come to a solution.”

How would you increase awareness and knowledge about CPN across the state to tribal and non-tribal populations?

“I would increase awareness by finding ways to educate tribal and non-tribal members about the economic impact tribes have on the State of Oklahoma and the counties where our enterprises are. The September 2014 edition of the *Hownikan* shows the economic

impact the Tribe had in 2013. It is very eye opening. I would like to see that information shared not only in tribal publications but also in city and state publications.”

What is the greatest threat you see facing Indian Country as a whole?

“At this time the conflict with the State of Oklahoma and the City of Shawnee. The outcome of these issues will set precedence for other tribes in our state and the effect on their enterprises as well.

“This will not stop in Shawnee or Pottawatomie County and, in my opinion, is a definite threat to Indian Country as a whole. Whether I am re-elected or not, I will continue to do everything I am able to do to support our leaders as this conflict continues.”

Samuel Navarre continued...

grocery store and for Potawatomi at all of our own enterprises.”

How would you increase awareness and knowledge about CPN across the state to tribal and non-tribal populations?

“The short answer is I would use the assets we already have. I consider myself an asset when it comes to promoting Native issues and awareness. I sometimes feel like those who regularly speak to me should be earning college credit towards a Native Studies degree, I am that pro-active in that regard.

“I have already discussed the possibility of holding meetings at several locations in Oklahoma. Some are located on tribal properties of other Oklahoma tribes. This would increase our relationships

with other tribes. Wouldn’t you guys who play hand game love to play against another Tribe like it was originally intended? We can do that. The only thing holding us back is ourselves.”

What is the greatest threat you see facing Indian Country as a whole?

“Simple. The continued assimilation of the North American Indian by the federal government. Some do not realize that the Indian Wars of the 1800s never ended. If we all forget our language, our culture and our history we will no longer be eligible for sovereign status because we will no longer have any of the requirements to be federally recognized, and we will just fade into assimilated culture. It is happening to every tribe in North America.”

Potawatomi-owned art gallery at core of OKC renaissance

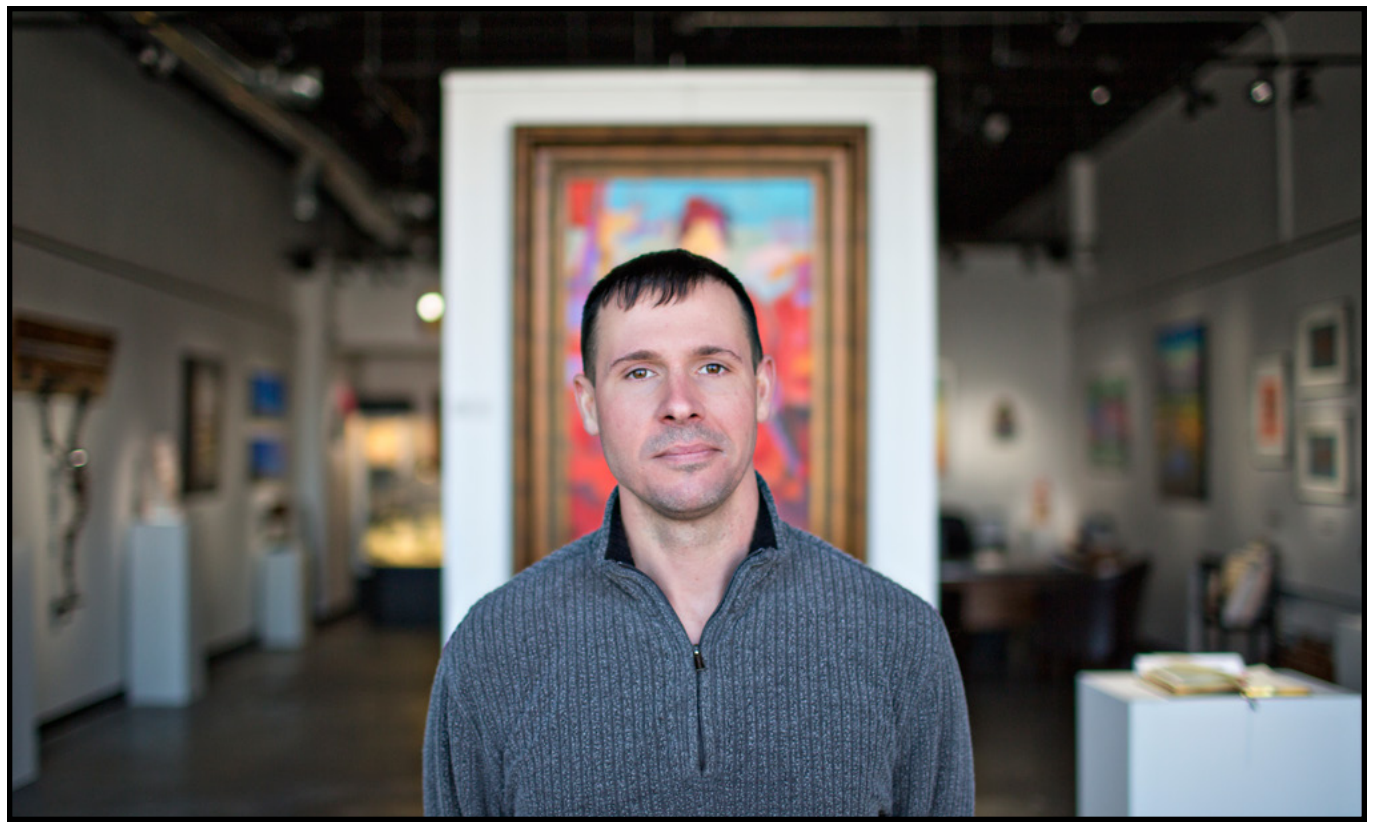
In recent years, Oklahoma City's interior, long neglected as the city's periphery extended in a suburban sprawl, has seen a revival. The Plaza District, lying in the neighborhoods northwest of downtown Oklahoma City is one such area, with a Potawatomi-owned business right at the heart of the district.

Tribal member Tony Morton, a member of the Peltier and Vieux families, is Director and CEO of Kasum Contemporary Fine Art.

Morton, a longtime resident of the Shawnee Twin Lakes area, had worked in various sales and marketing positions before setting out to follow his true passion in the city's growing art scene. For five years he ran the Paseo Originals Art Gallery in Oklahoma City's oldest arts district, the Paseo. When Paseo Original's owners were ready to retire, Morton kept with the budding tradition, renamed the business in his father's name and relocated it in the heart of the Plaza District. Not just your typical art gallery, Kasum's offerings stand out both in quality and style.

"What we started to develop over there was a niche for progressive contemporary," explained Morton. "While the styles we are working with are not consistent, there is absolutely a theme. It's the technicality, the craftsmanship and the deep thought in each concept."

Morton is amongst the vanguard of small business owners who have moved into the once downtrodden Plaza District. He credits his decision to relocate from Oklahoma City's more traditional Paseo District to the Plaza as both one of convenience; he lives just a couple hundred feet from Kasum



Tony Morton

Contemporary's front door, and business necessity.

"There is a great deal more traffic in this area, which is something I really needed to support this type of a business," said Morton. "Also, financially speaking, this area has had the most significant sales tax growth for four years running."

As Kasum Contemporary closes in on its one year anniversary in September, Morton explained that the reception from customers and fellow businesses have helped mitigate qualms about opening a private art gallery in Oklahoma City.

"This type of business is rated amongst the most risky types of businesses to open. If you go to a bank and ask for a loan for

a private art gallery, they'll just laugh at you," explained Morton. "Fortunately we've continued to meet new people over here and find new support for this kind of gallery and patronage of the arts."

He credits the Plaza District's resurgence to that of Oklahoma City's cultural resurgence, which despite a recent cratering of energy prices, has grown in the past decade. The metro area has become an increasingly attractive destination for people and companies from other parts of the country.

"Big business brought in a lot of employees from major American coastal hubs and big cities where they were accustomed to a certain quality and diversity of culture that wasn't here. In the past five years,

from sculptures to the Oklahoma City ballet to our food offerings, businesses and employees from these strong cultural hubs have influenced ours in a positive way."

While Morton is keenly aware of his Potawatomi heritage, he does not classify himself as a Native American artist or allow his heritage to influence his business in terms of how he views art.

"I think if I did that, I'd be bringing limitations into what I'm doing. I think art, if observed properly in my opinion, has to be done without any limitations, preconceptions or considerations because when you start to do that, you start to muddle the truth that exists in the art. The truth that exists in the art is relative to you, but it's not about you."



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Attention Veterans! There are changes in VA Health Care Eligibility! Effective 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs has eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs and co-payment responsibilities. This change makes VA Health Care Benefits more accessible to lower-income veterans. Instead of combining the sum of veterans' income with other assets to determine eligibility for medical care and co-payment obligations, VA will now only consider a Veteran's gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. Veterans may submit updated income information at www.1010ez.med.va.gov, or by visiting their nearby VA Health Care facility. For more information, visit VA's Health Benefits web page at www.va.gov/healthbenefits or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

Another VA item is that starting 25 March 2015 of this year the VA is streamlining claims processes to deliver benefits faster and more accurately. Three important changes are now in effect.

- 1. Informal claims have migrated to a new *intent to file* process.
- 2. Use of standardized forms is now required when filing for benefits.

- 3. Initiating an appeal requires a standardized notice of disagreement form.

To learn how the new standardized forms and *intent to file* process affects you, go to www.VA.gov.

The Vietnam Era Veterans Banquet is coming together and our location is finalized at the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort. Check out our latest signup sheet next to this column which you can cut out and mail back to us for your registration. .

Any questions can be sent by mail at the above address or main phone number: 405-964-4894 or Commander Daryl Talbot talbotok@sbcglobal.net Treasurer David Joe Barrett dbarrett@potawatomi.org

The above form is needed to reserve a place at the banquet. Remember the deadline is 15 July 2015.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome. A meal is provided.

Daryl Talbot, Commander



VIETNAM ERA CPN VETERANS BANQUET 2015
26 SEPTEMBER 2015
5:00 P.M.

CPN Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces from 5 August 1964 to 7 May 1975 are cordially invited to attend with one free guest, extra guests may purchase tickets for \$10 each. Potawatomi Veterans of any era are also invited to attend.

Location is to be at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee, OK.
Call (405) 964-7777 for room reservations.
Mention Vietnam Era Banquet for discount.

Mail completed form below with payment no later than 15 July 2015.
Make checks payable to CPN Veterans Organization.

Mail to: CPN Veterans Organization
1601 Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801



Vietnam Era Veteran Name _____

Guest ____ yes ____ no

Number of additional guests ____ x \$10 each ____ total

Other Veteran name _____ \$10

Number of guests ____ x \$10 each ____ total

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Dates of Service _____

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WHERE TO STAY DURING FESTIVAL 2015

If you are planning to attend the Family Reunion Festival, start making reservations for lodging. Here are some places in proximity to Tribal headquarters.

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort
777 Grand Casino Blvd.
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 964-7777

Hampton Inn
4851 N. Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-1540

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
4909 N. Union
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-8880

La Quinta Inn and Suites
5401 Enterprise Court
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-7930

America's Best Value Inn
4900 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-4404

Comfort Inn & Suites
5400 Enterprise Court
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 273-8667

Citizen Potawatomi Nation RV Park
1702 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 878-5830

Days Inn
5107 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-6720

Motel 6
4981 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-5310

Super 8 Motel
5104 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-0089

Heart of Oklahoma Expo RV park
Highway 177 & Leo
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-7020

Eating healthy during Festival

Attendees at the CPN Family Reunion Festival receive meals and snacks throughout the three day event at no cost, giving families and friends an opportunity to break bread and connect after a year's separation. The aroma of frybread fills the air, hotdogs and bratwursts are plentiful while lunch and dinner meals are provided by the CPN Title VI program. However, some attendees seek a bit of variety from the normal powwow season staples. For those wanting to continue a healthy diet carried over from the New Year, "greener" options will be available this year.

CPN Healthy Heart Coordinator and Dietitian, Torie Fuller MS RD/LD, will be distributing fresh, free produce from the CPN community garden during Festival. Fuller and her team also plan on offering fresh fruits and berries, with fresh cantaloupe and watermelon easily tossed on the grill becoming caramelized as a sweet dessert.

"A healthy meal with plenty of protein would be to crack eggs



Produce from the community garden will be available at Festival.

before you camp and keep them in a canister until you're ready to cook them," said Fuller. "Also, you can grill the vegetables from what we will be passing out from the garden for a healthy side with your meal."

Fuller advises attendees to eat fry bread in moderation, either by saving bits for later or sharing it with a friend. Also consider waiting to eat

the meals that have healthy portions of fruits and vegetables and don't forget to account for one's overall daily intake of calories.

"If you want to indulge in everything you're going to need to be more active during the event," said Rochelle Plummer MS RD/LD CPN Diabetes Dietitian. "Bring your bicycle and remember the wellness center is a

free facility to use. You can swim, ride a stationary bike or simply walk around the track."

A quick walk over to FireLake Discount Foods is another great way to burn off some calories while in search of lighter sustenance.

Plummer and Fuller will host a cooking demonstration on Sat. June 27, 2015 which will show attendees how to make their own Festival-ready healthy foods. The demonstration's ingredients, like all of Fuller and Plummer's offerings during Festival, will be provided free and come from the CPN community garden. The demonstration will also feature several different traditional Native American meals made from produce that is common around North America.

For those interested in attending the cooking demonstration, keep an eye out for the Festival schedule in June. Those wanting more information on healthy living and cooking, visit the Healthy Heart website at www.cpnhealthyheart.com.

Tourism destinations during Festival

While the prime destination during the annual Family Reunion Festival is CPN headquarters, the areas within a short driving distance of the Tribe's home are also worth a visit. Here are a few locales worth checking out if you are here before or after the Festival activities.



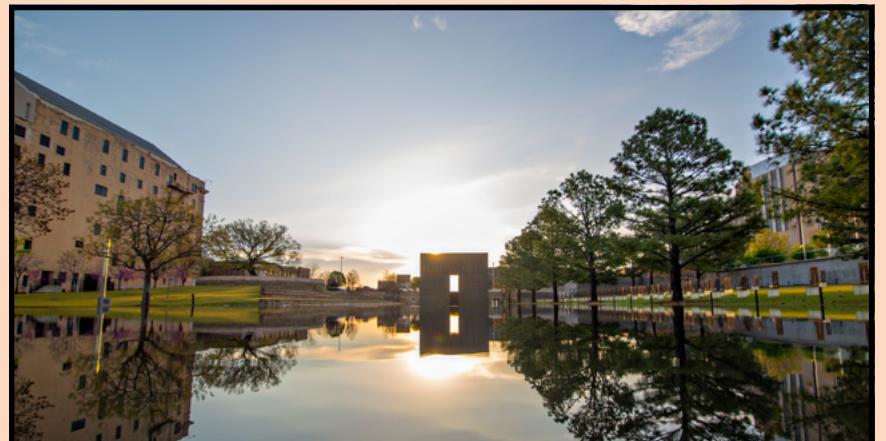
The Oklahoma State Capitol complex
2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Adorned with the statue "The Guardian," the statehouse complex is not just where budget holes are hurriedly filled; it is also home to numerous pieces of art. Many of these pieces touch on the state's rich history with Native America, including CPN artist Woody Crumbo's "Starlight", which was gifted to the capitol's art gallery by Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett in 2005.



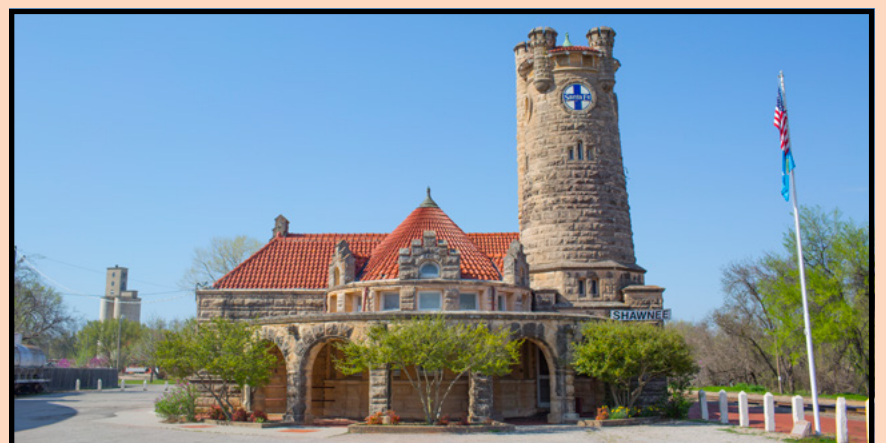
The Oklahoma History Center
800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Just a short walk northeast from the state capitol, the Oklahoma History Center is home to thousands of artifacts and other historical pieces chronicling the Sooner State. The center also houses more than a century's worth of newspapers from the pre and post-statehood eras, making it a great place to do some genealogy research. Allan Houser's "Unconquered" Apache warriors stand watch on its eastern entrance.



The Oklahoma City National Memorial
620 N Harvey Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

The site of Oklahoma's darkest day, the memorial is a somber, respectful reminder of the tragedy that took the lives of 168 people in the heart of Oklahoma City. The adjoining museum recently underwent a large scale renovation that offers visitors from all over the world an insight into the circumstances and events before and after the country's most devastating terrorist attack prior Sept. 11, 2001.



The Pottawatomie County Museum
614 E. Main, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Housed in the former Santa Fe Depot train station in downtown Shawnee, the museum is an excellent resource for all things Pottawatomie County. For those wanting to learn more about the county bearing the, albeit misspelled name of the Potawatomi people, this is your destination just a few minutes' drive from CPN headquarters.

CPN Police on patrol during Festival

With approximately 5,000 people travelling to Festival, many of whom only visit Tribal headquarters once a year, the CPN Tribal Police are on the front line of informing attendees of the “do’s and don’ts” of the event. From a malfunctioning water faucet to emergency response, Tribal police answer all the calls during Festival, many of which emanate from attendees reaching the police at 405-878-4818.

In the months prior to June, the department begins scheduling for the event, which involves three continuous days and nights of police presence. From the time the first recreational vehicle rolls into Raymond Peltier R.V. Park on Thursday morning before Festival, Tribal police are at the gates of the powwow grounds making sure all is

in order. The police department’s primary goal is to make sure everyone is safe and feels secure during the three day event. With many Festival attendees staying overnight, the Tribal police have a presence there at all times. If a problem arises, they are there to immediately respond.

A total of 26 officers work eight hour shifts during the annual event, not including support from security officers from the gaming enterprises and police departments from surrounding communities. Lieutenant James Hendrickson, Major Jody Opela and Assistant Director for Support Services Sheila McDaniel patrol the Festival grounds each day for at least 16 hours.



Chief of Tribal Police Dr. Jim Collard serves food and protects the public during the three day event.



Major Jody Opela, Asst. Director of Support Services Sheila McDaniel and Lieutenant James Hendrickson.

If someone is in need of assistance or needs medical attention, Opela and McDaniel, who are trained medics, are typically the first to respond and determine whether they can deal with the situation themselves or call in an ambulance.

It isn’t all emergency response though, with Festival’s timing as Potawatomi election day requires the police to have a presence at the polling station too. During Tribal elections, Lieutenant Hendrickson oversees the counting and processing of ballots. Even Dr. Jim Collard, CPN Chief of Police, works in uniform during the weekend, along with his separate duties as economic

development director.

Once Festival ends, the department goes back to its normal duties and begins planning for the next year.

“After every Festival we sit down for a couple weeks and say what went wrong, what went right and how can we fix it for next year,” said Lt. Hendrickson. “Each year there is a whole new set of problems. What we do though is to try and prevent a problem before it becomes one.”

For more information or if you have a question please contact the police department at 405-878-4818.

F.A.Q.s ABOUT FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL



When is Festival?
June 26-28. It is always the last weekend of June.



Can I bring my neighbor?
Festival is for CPN members and their immediate family (those dependents living in the home of the Tribal member).



Do Potawatomi members get a discount at the Grand Hotel during the festival?
Yes, the rate is \$89 per night with their CDIB card. But book early! **405.964.7777**
grandresortok.com/hotel



What are the ages for children to participate at the Child Development Center?
Children need to be 15-years old or younger.



What do I wear in the dance arena?
Women should wear a skirt with a shawl and men should wear slacks and a ribbon shirt.



Can I bring my dog into the arena?
No, there are no dogs allowed. The arena is a sacred area.



How to report a lost child at Festival?
At every gate there is either a security officer or a police officer. Report a missing child to the nearest officer or call Tribal Police at **405.878.4818** and they will help you find your child.



How do I vote?
Voting takes place at the Tribal Courtroom on Saturday from 7AM to 2PM. Tribal ID is required to vote.

CPN offering expanded health services in 2015

By Tim Tall Chief, Director of CPN Health Services

As Festival 2015 approaches, Potawatomi from across the world will visit our clinics and meet with our health providers. With that in mind I wanted to provide an update on what may have been added to the CPN Health Services since many last visited.

In the last two years our dental program has doubled in size, making it the best of the best in terms of staff and dental technology. We have three full time and two contracted dentists along with our dental hygienists and office staff. Our recently renovated CPN Dental Clinic has top of the line equipment, allowing our equally top of the line staff to perform every type of procedure available at a private clinic.

We have added a physical therapy clinic, which as a result of our last governing board meeting in March, will also double in size. This means we will add an additional physical therapist as well as expand their facilities inside the CPN Wellness Center with new equipment for our patients' use.

Our optometry program is fully operational with one full time optometrist and two assistants. If you live in Oklahoma, we want to serve you. Our clinic staff can examine your eyes with the latest medical devices, fit you for new glasses and then put them in the



Dr. David Macarty examines a patient in the optometry clinic.

mail to your Oklahoma address. Our glasses, which are at no cost to patients, once a year at a limit of \$250, have an average price range of \$175. In private clinics, many of these frames and lenses would be priced closer to \$400-500. For a second pair of glasses or a set of prescription sunglasses, we sell them at cost plus 40 percent. The Health Aids Program has some modifications, with a \$250 minimum for eye glasses for those living outside of Oklahoma.

In the winter we also added the mammography program, with one of the premier mammography machines in the country offering 3D tomosynthesis. It is one of two of its kind in the state of Oklahoma.

Our normal operations continue as well, while we offer our growing list

of services to a wider array of patients. Non-Indian employees and non-Indian spouses of Tribal members can now be seen at the East and West Clinics, while our streamlined billing system has resulted in an increase in third-party collections, thus allowing us to increase service to all we care for.

I am also pleased to announce that a pilot project between CPN, Andreini and Company of Oklahoma and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma has been a success in helping some of our most in-need healthcare patients. Through this collaboration we have helped several access insurance plans through the federal healthcare exchanges. A more detailed article on this project will follow in future *Hownikans*.

All of these services and offerings would be impossible if not for steady and progressive leadership from the very top. Tribal Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chairman Capps' pragmatism and experience are why our staff and health service offerings are as good as anywhere in the country, private or public. Their single vision, which is to look out for what is best for the people of this Tribe, is why our clinics are among the best.

I thank you all for your choice to utilize our great healthcare offerings and look forward to seeing you in June.



Mammography technologist Heather Alford with our state-of-the-art 3D tomosynthesis machine.

CPN West Clinic welcomes Vanessa Harvey, APRN

Tribal health services continue to add more patient services to meet the ever growing need. This growth requires an expansion of facilities and staff to meet those ever increasing numbers. Seminole, Oklahoma native Vanessa Harvey, Nurse Practitioner is the latest medical professional to join the CPN West Health Clinic team.

Born and raised in the area, Harvey is a graduate of Liberty Baptist Academy in Shawnee. She graduated with an Associate in Science from Seminole State University before completing her Bachelors in Science of Nursing from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. Her academic and career path appeared set, as she followed her mother and other family members into the field of nursing.

"Since I can remember, even as a small child I wanted to be a doctor," recalled Harvey. "When my mom became a nurse, I changed my mind and wanted to do what she did."

Harvey has extensive experience in emergency room and hospice care as a registered nurse. Both settings gave her a wide spectrum of nursing experiences, from the arduous and frenetic emergency room shifts to the considerably slower pace, yet emotionally draining care provided



Vanessa Harvey

in hospice. Her work as a registered nurse was fulfilling, however, Harvey's desire to do more in the patient care setting reignited.

"After eight years in the ER, I wanted something that was more feasible for my family. I loved it, but it was time for a change," she said of her decision to pursue her Nurse Practitioner's license.

Though a certified registered nurse upon her graduation from ECU, Harvey's desire to build upon and expand her nursing knowledge and skills, she pursued her Certified

Nurse Practitioners licensure with Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Kentucky. Her tenacity and dream to become a primary healthcare provider drove Harvey to attend classes each weekday before carrying full nursing shift hours from Friday afternoons through the weekend all while juggling the demands of motherhood.

It was at Frontier Nursing University where Harvey met Barbara Moore, APRN. Moore was Harvey's regional clinical coordinator and spoke very highly of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation which was where Moore was in practice at the time. Harvey graduated from Frontier Nursing University and worked for a short time at a small medical practice when she heard of the opening with the CPN West Clinic. Harvey jumped at the opportunity to work for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as a Board Certified Family Practice Nurse Practitioner.

Although the scope of care can vary from state to state, most nurse practitioners can work independently of physicians while providing primary, acute and specialty health care services. Here at the CPN West Clinic, Harvey joined the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services

in November 2014 and she works in professional collaboration with Dr. Adam Vascellaro, the family physician at the West Clinic, to provide the widest range of services with emphasis on the health and well-being of the whole patient. Her extensive work experience has already paid dividends though, with the West Clinic's three full time providers seeing more than 720 patients in January 2015 alone. On average, that is about 35 patient visits a day between the three providers.

"Most people will never understand what it's like to be a nurse," concluded Harvey. "Of course there are bad days when you go home and cry for your patients and their losses. However, when you are able to help save a life, deliver a baby, or positively impact someone's life, all the pain is worth it."

Vanessa Harvey, APRN's dedication to excellence in patient care and her holistic approach to patient centered care coincides with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Service's mission. If you would like to learn more about the services offered by the West Clinic and other CPN Health Services, please visit www.potawatomi.org/services/health/clinics or call (405) 273-5236.

Tribal member Linda Arredondo joins I.T. Dept

As an employer of more than 2,200, Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s government and commercial enterprises require the latest quality of technological offerings across its wide array of services. Few companies in the private sector have experienced growth like CPN, meaning a small team of information technology professionals work tirelessly to keep digital systems online and secure. One CPN Tribal member, Linda Arredondo, recently joined the Nation’s IT Department as a data analyst.

Where are you originally from?

“I was born in Chanute, Kan., but I also lived in Oklahoma as a child. Recently, I relocated from Florida to be closer to my family and began working for CPN.”

What Potawatomi family are you from?

“The Young family. My tribal ID card indicates my record of descendency includes Lizzie McDole from the 1887 Roll and Georgia Nickell from the 1937 Roll.”

Did you know growing up that you were Potawatomi tribal member?

“Yes, my mother spoke of the Tribe frequently. We maintained a subscription to the *Hownikan* for as long as I can remember and my mother kept every issue in her own personal archive. When possible, I found creative ways to integrate Native American themes into my schoolwork assignments. This habit would, at times, perplex my teachers. My mother enjoyed various Native American arts and crafts, including sewing and beadwork. She encouraged me to participate and share in her love of crafting. “My mother also taught me the importance of claiming my

designation as an American Indian at a very young age. I have consistently claimed this designation on every census, registration form and survey where these demographics are captured.”

“Prior to relocating back to Oklahoma, I lived in CPN Legislative District 2, whose legislator, Eva Marie Carney, does a wonderful job coordinating events and keeping the Tribal members in the area up to speed on the happenings at CPN. She maintains a website and regularly transmits post mail, email, and even provides updates via Facebook. Over the years, I have reached out to her with questions regarding tradition and protocol. She has always gone above and beyond to provide answers to my questions. For this, I am most grateful and I would encourage all CPN Tribal Members to stay in touch with the legislator from their district.”

What was your background prior to joining CPN’s IT Department as a data analyst?

“For the past 15 years I worked for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation where for seven years I served as Florida Housing’s Chief Technology Officer. Prior to that, I served as an IT administrator and a database administrator. Before that I worked for the Florida Department of Emergency Management under Craig Fugate, who is now the director of FEMA.

“I am working toward a degree in Management Information Systems. I hope to transfer my college credits and enroll in a local college. My father graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Urban Planning. Perhaps I will follow family tradition and attend OU since I was raised a Sooner.”

What are some of your day-to-day duties?

“Our IT Director, Dennis Dyer, tasked me with developing a cohesive Information Technology Security Program that includes drafting policies, procedures and training materials. Specific projects include revamping the business continuity plan for IT and evaluating our security posture regarding payment card industry standards. I am also working to streamline the business process for the surplus of IT hardware and software.”

What drew you to work for the Tribe?

“I dreamed of working for our Tribe for many years. I first interviewed with CPN when the Cultural Heritage Center was being constructed. Of course, life has its way of taking twists and turns. This past summer my mother became ill and this heightened my longing to make the move from Florida to Oklahoma. I had hoped to spend more time with my mother and assist with her care. I traveled to Oklahoma five times in 2014 as my mother’s health began to decline. During one of those visits I interviewed for a position within the Tribe’s IT department. Just as things were seemingly falling into place, my mother passed away. Ultimately, I find comfort in knowing that my mother would be proud that I have been given the opportunity to work for our Tribe.



Linda Arredondo

“Of course, our cultural heritage continues to thrive which is quite inspiring. Many Tribal leaders, members, employees and the team at our Cultural Heritage Center have provided a warm welcome. Family, friends and the women in the regalia making class have been teaching me the art of making my own shawl. I ordered a drum kit and started learning the songs provided by the ladies drum group. I participated in my very first full moon ceremony in early March, which was a lovely experience. Language and dance are also high on my list of things explore. In addition, my husband and I have enjoyed our membership at the BDC Gun Room and I am really looking forward to the upcoming Festival in June!”

Housing’s One Time Grant available

By Sherry Byers, CPN Housing Authority

With 15 years of success, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Department’s One Time Grant is the most requested homeownership program the Tribe runs. Evolving over the course of that time, the one-time grant program has assisted many Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal members with funds for their down payment or closing costs that are associated with the purchase, construction or refinancing of a home.

In addition to assisting individual Tribal members with this program, CPN would also like to see the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s First National Bank and Trust Co., benefit by originating the mortgage loans. FNB is able to offer most loan programs, like other lending institutions, with the exception of loans that are affiliated with predatory lenders.



Despite the program’s success over its 15 years, there are still many CPN members out there uninformed about this program and the services of the Tribal-owned FNB. Our office receives calls daily from tribal members who never knew of this grant or that the Tribe owns their own bank.

All Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members are eligible for this grant one time only. The maximum amount available is \$2,125, which does not have to be repaid. This program cannot be used for any type of mobile home and the home being purchased

must be the primary residence of the signer. It is not available to convicted felons or any household where felons reside. Finally, a Tribal member’s name *must* be on the loan.

To apply, the following information is required:

- Copy of borrowers CPN membership card
- Copy of the “Good Faith Estimate” from lender
- Income verification for all household members (last 3 to 4 pay stubs or if same employer for years the last two years of tax returns)

- Name of the Closing Entity (Title Co., Escrow Co., Attorney, etc.)
- Completed W-9 form
- Copy of Appraisal when available

The application and support information is required in the CPN Housing Department’s office at least *three* weeks prior to the closing date. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to the tribal member by the specified date.

To request the application and/or general information regarding the One Time Grant, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager at (405) 273-2833 or at sbyers@potawatomi.org.

For information regarding loan products and lending requirements at First National Bank and Trust Co., please contact Jeff Scroggins, Mortgage Loan Officer at (405) 275-8830 or at 1-800-227-8362.

Community Service Block Grants offer assistance to those in a bind

It can happen to anyone, with two separate bills coming due at the same time or an unexpected appliance failure at home. These expensive fixes can be a mere annoyance for those with savings to dip into, but can border on a catastrophe for those living paycheck to paycheck. This isn't the end of the road though. Short term assistance is available through organizations like the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's 477, or employment and training, program. Tribal member Margaret Zientek, assistant director for the department, spoke with the *Hownikan* about federal funds used to assist Native Americans who find themselves in these situations.

What do these funds, called Community Service Block Grants, actually do?

"They address or lessen the effects on poverty stricken Native American households in regards to health and safety needs. The funds come from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families and essentially fill the gap when a family has no other resource. CSBGs address the critical needs of a poverty stricken family that affect the health and safety of the household."

How does the Employment and Training Department determine who qualifies for CSBG funds?

"We gather information on residency,

income, tribal identification, Social Security cards and other documents to determine if qualifications are met. At least one person in household must be a member of a federally recognized tribe. Far from the unregulated handouts that some government assistance critics stereotype such services as, our staff ensure a number of Tribal, state and federal qualifiers are met before assistance is distributed.

"For example, a household of two, with combined income less than \$26,149 is eligible for this program. For a household of four, \$32,302 is the maximum. All funds distributed are contingent upon a fully completed application."

What does someone in need of CSBG funds need to do to apply for assistance?

"First, contact CPN Employment and Training at 405-598-0797 or come by our office at 300 E. Walnut, Tecumseh, Okla. Our staff can evaluate each individual case and determine if these are the best avenues to assist their situations.

"The applying household must meet income guidelines and reside within the department's service areas of Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne and Cleveland counties as well as areas east of Post Road in Oklahoma County. The household may receive CSBG only once in a 12 month period and must have exhausted other resources such as LIHEAP."



Assistance with utility bills is just one use of CSBG funds available through the CPN Employment and Training Department.

What are some common scenarios CSBG funds are used for?

"Say for instance, a mom and dad with five kids are struggling to keep all the utilities on, rent paid and food on the table. Then their refrigerator goes out but the repairman says it is not worth repairing and that forces them to skip paying a certain utility bill to buy a new one.

"Or what if an extended cold weather snap increased the heating bill, but the family car was damaged when it ran off an icy road, again forcing a decision on which bill to pay?

"What do these low income families do? They contact us for help. The department can administer CSBG

funds to eligible applicants, many of whom share stories like this. Assistance isn't solely relegated to financial support for utilities, with employment and training also providing assistance with repairing or replacing critical appliances such as a heat and air unit, refrigerator or water heater. Other assistance may be used to address rent or similar payment."

If you or someone you know may be in need of CSBG assistance or any of the other programs the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training Department oversees, please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/career/> or call 405-598-0797.

CPN Child Development Center's Keyon Permetter

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Child Development Center has provided early education opportunities to children for almost 18 years. What began as a small center for 50 children in 1997 now educates 328 children and is one of the largest centers in the state of Oklahoma.

Although there are several contributing factors, the voucher or subsidy program offered by the CDC has played a big part of this growth. The program is overseen by CPN Child Development Center Licensing Specialist, Keyon Permetter.

Permetter first began with CPN in 2002 as an afterschool teacher. After a year he took on his current role and has experienced first-hand the success of the program.

"Our program is modeled after the state of Oklahoma's DHS program and isn't just for Tribal members," said Permetter. "It is for Native American children who live in one of the three counties we serve; Oklahoma, Pottawatomie or Cleveland and meet income guidelines."

Along with his normal day-to-day duties at the CDC, Permetter regularly visits daycare centers in Oklahoma



Keyon Permetter

City that the program has covered the cost for qualifying children to attend. He also provides CPR and First Aid training for families or people who are in child care.

"I'm appreciative of the facility we

have and the support we receive for our center," said Permetter. "I've seen facilities that literally melt crayons in the oven when they get too little to make little fat crayons because they don't have the money to buy new ones."

In addition to being a positive male figure for the children, Permetter also enjoys assisting with the CPN Angel Tree and helping the family the CDC adopted around Christmas time.

"We brought the family here, fed them and gave them gifts. To see mom and dad tear up when the children were opening presents that they couldn't afford to get them was pretty awesome," said Permetter.

He also contributes part of the success of the center to having one of the best bosses, Donnette Littlehead.

"If you don't know Mrs. Donnette, she is really family orientated and the type of person that would give it all to you if she had it," said Permetter.

"Everybody's stories are special to me," he concluded. "Just being a role model for the kids and being part of their day to day experiences are special. Being able to help those in need like the family the center adopted, makes my job special."

If you would like more information about the voucher program contact Keyon Permetter at (405) 878-4861.

CPN, USGS complete final water resources study

A three year endeavor is coming to a close as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Department of Economic Development and the U.S. Geological Survey published their final water resource study report.

“This began in 2008 when I started working for the Tribe,” explained Dr. Jim Collard, economic development director. “We needed to take a real serious look at all of our water resources for future use and planning.”

Oklahoma’s ongoing drought has proved that initial decision to develop a Tribal water resource management plan an astute one. The study’s results show all of the Tribe’s water resources, both above and below ground, the latter of which contains large amounts of pollutants that enter the water table upstream in Oklahoma City.

Water resources in the area include



CPN Environmental Protection staff helped conduct water resource sampling.

surface water from the north fork of the Canadian River, known colloquially as the North Canadian River, as well as the Little River south of Tecumseh. Water samples were also taken from thirty wells

drilled into terrace, alluvial and bedrock aquifers and analyzed for concentrations of major ions, nutrients and selected radionuclides.

Though these terms are hardly

recognizable to the layman, understanding what is in the water is vital when Tribal decision makers, both present and future, evaluate potential ecological and economic matters in the Tribal jurisdiction.

“Commencing this study and reviewing its findings also had a strategic aim aside from examining our potable water resources,” said Dr. Collard. “Understanding which sources have which chemicals also allows us to plan for heavy water users in industries that may want to do business in the Tribe’s jurisdiction, for instance at Iron Horse.”

The study was funded by an Administration for Native American grant. Its findings will allow the Tribe to develop its own comprehensive water plan. The water plan’s 50-year time scale will focus on drought management and risk mitigation for the areas in CPN jurisdiction.

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The role of Neeboash in early wars

A warrior of great distinction among the Wabash Potawatomi of Indiana, Neeboash was a veteran of the Battle of Tippecanoe [1811] and the greater War of 1812. His name, translated as Humble Death, no doubt illustrated both his prowess in battle and physical appearance due to the numerous injuries he sustained. After being captured and scalped during an inter-tribal conflict, Neeboash was commonly outfitted in various types of headwear in an attempt to conceal his disfigurement. But it may have been the Battle of Tippecanoe and ensuing events that bolstered such an intimidating name. “...it is related that upon returning to his village after the battle with a better part of his nose bitten off—his wife, noticing his altered appearance, was very amused, and he, becoming excited and angry, “tipped” off her nose with his koman or knife...”



Neeboash by George Winter – 1838.

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PLP adds new counselor Isaac Morris for 2015

During the Tribe's six-week Potawatomi Leadership Program a counselor, typically a former program participant, accompanies attendees on their day-to-day activities. Longtime counselor Austen Roselius, is stepping down in order to pursue medical school. Taking his place is 2014 alumnus Isaac Morris of Ada, Okla. The *Hownikan* spoke to Morris ahead of his new duties this summer.

On his Potawatomi heritage...

"I am from the Bergeron family, which traces all the way up the tree to the Melott family."

On reflection what stood out to him about his time in the PLP...

"This is a tough one because there were various things that I had no idea we would be able to do while at this program. The most notable one would have to be getting to spend the afternoon with Chairman Barrett as he explained what the headquarters used to look like back in the late 1970s. What really got me was when

he brought out the famous photo of the headquarters with the three cars in front back in the 1970s. He even took us to the exact spot where the picture was taken and told us where everything was compared to how it is today."

On becoming a counselor...

"I actually did not apply for the counselor position. Instead I was asked if I would be interested in taking the position for this summer's PLP. I decided to take the position because I love what this program does for the youth of our Tribe, in that it prepares them and opens their eyes up to various careers either within the Tribe or outside of it. It also brings out the leadership skills and even improves upon them in all of the participants."

On his perspective as a 2014 PLP alumnus...

"The perspective I will bring, I feel, will be of someone who understands what it is like to go through the program since I just went



Isaac Morris

through it last summer. Also, being from Oklahoma, with the Tribe's headquarters so close, I could bring the perspective of what it is like having your culture and heritage so close to home.

"The staff members can give a perspective on what it is like to work there all year long, while I can give

the perspective of what it is like to only get a summer to take advantage of all the learning and cultural opportunities that the Tribe offers.

"I am so honored to be asked to be the counselor, and I look forward to an amazing summer."

Not just water under the bridge - Southern Plains Environmental Laboratory, LLC



By Jessica Tucker, Commercial Loan Document Specialist

In Oklahoma, depending on the economy and climate, the two most important things coming out of the ground are oil and water. Testing the quality of the latter isn't just about making sure what comes out of the kitchen faucet is potable though, with sources from waste water plants to wells requiring constant monitoring to ensure the content and quality meets environmental standards.

Lawton, Okla.'s Southern Plains Environmental Laboratory, LLC, or SPEL, is one business working across the state of Oklahoma to help ensure the safety of its water resources.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member Lou Ann Carlstrom has 27-years of experience in the water quality sector from her time working for the City of Lawton. For 15 years she served as a chemist and five as the chief chemist for the city's water treatment facilities.

Carlstrom began working in the private industry for herself in 2011 when she founded SPEL. She had attended a seminar at Great Plains Technology Center in Lawton and met with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Community Development Corporation's Commercial Loan

Associate Felecia Freeman who eventually assisted Carlstrom in beginning her small businesses loan application process.

"Citizen Potawatomi Community



Lou Ann Carlstrom

Development was helpful and explained everything to us. They answered any questions we had and I would highly recommend them," stated Carlstrom.

SPEL's office in Lawton was purchased in December 2011 and the firm was certified to test water in April 2012 through the Oklahoma

Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

SPEL's customer base is diverse, serving towns like the City of Cordell to the general public. Carlstrom, the only employee, also recruits volunteers who help collect samples or answer the phones. Though Carlstrom drives all over Oklahoma to collect samples, she does have an

and cyanide. SPEL also tests for total coliforms from sewage contamination, alkalinity, total hardness, conductivity, turbidity and Heterotrophic Plate counts which detect culturable organisms.

"I love helping people and making sure everyone has safe, clean water to drink and how to understand the rules and regulations of ODEQ and EPA," Carlstrom said.

Partially a perk of her job duties that take her across the Sooner State to test water quality, Carlstrom loves to travel and explore her family's genealogy with her three daughters and three grandchildren.

Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation helped Lou Ann Carlstrom build her business and they can help you. Please contact them at 405-878-4697 or visit their website at www.cpcdc.org for more information about lending for Native American businesses.



Scan this QR code to visit the CPCDC website.

office in Lawton that is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on holidays and weekends when necessary. SPEL works with a subcontracting laboratory certified by the ODEQ who tests for inorganic matter like iron, copper and nitrates; organic compounds such as pesticides, dioxins, carbamates, herbicides radio nucleotides, arsenic

Language with Justin

By Justin Neely, Director of the CPN Language Department

The University of Oklahoma’s Native American Youth Language Fair has come and gone. The kids did an awesome job. This year the three, four, and five year old students from the CPN Child Development Center competed.

self-paced language classes. We are creating these classes so that people can engage with the language at times that are most convenient for their schedule and progress at a pace that is best for each student. We hope to have these up and running by August or possibly sooner.

I’ve included a few *mnokme kedwnen*,



Justin Neely rehearsing with the students before the competition.

The kids sang five songs in Potawatomi, including a hello song, “Mary had a Little Lamb,” “London Bridge is Falling Down,” “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,” and a goodbye song. The kids sounded great. Check out the QR code next to this article that’ll take you to the CPN Hownikan YouTube page with the video of their performance. I am proud to announce that our students were named the winners and took first place in large group modern song category!

Our afterschool kids also submitted a video entry and received an honorable mention in a very competitive division. It will be available on the Tribe’s YouTube page, CPN Hownikan, soon.

Mikaeja Neely also turned in a traditional story in Potawatomi and English and received an honorable mention.

Here in the Language Department we are extremely proud of the kids and all their hard work, as I am sure each of you is as well.

We are continuing the development of the beginner unit of our online,

or spring words, for the new season below! Many of these will come into use as we begin work on our new CPN Community Garden.

- Gmowen- It’s raining
- Wenbisa- Drizzle
- Gmowas- Light rain
- Zigbisa- Downpour.
- Tkeyamget- It’s cool
- Mno gishget- It’s a nice day.
- Waskonedo- Flower
- Waskonedoyen- Flowers
- Minkan-seed - Minkanen- seeds
- Gtegan- Garden
- Gtege- he/she gardens/ plants
- Nwi-gtege- I am going plant.
- Ngi-gtege- I planted.
- Bgoj shegagosh- Wild onions.
- Mnokme- Spring
- Jigwek bmo sewat- The thunders are walking. (It’s this time of year the thunders come back which indicates the return of spring.)
- Wadopye- Mushroom
- Wadopyek- Mushrooms
- Zheshkwedo- mushroom (northern word)

FireLodge Youth update: May 2015

By Darin Greene, Coordinator FireLodge Tribal Youth

Eagle Aviary and got an up close view.

May came in like a storm with exciting things happening at the P.L.A.C.E.

Contests were in full swing as well with a photography contest where the winner gets a new camera and a talent show to see which of them has the most unique talent. We tried to end the spring on a high note as we ushered in summer with a BBQ which was fun for all the youth.

Tribal youth celebrated Cinco de Mayo and they learned about Mexican culture and participated in activities that involved hitting a piñata, learning about the Mexican music scene and we even shared a Mexican-themed dish.

As high school graduations are just around the corner, the college preparatory classes continued and the youth got a visit from several recruiters from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines.

May was also Foster Care Month and the youth began a toy drive to benefit the House of Hope and our CPN foster children. The youth also watched a video about foster care featuring Governor Mary Fallin and learned about the Tribal

The youth also got prepared for the summer work program with



Hailey Richardson participates in an arts and craft activity.

program from employees in the Indian Child Welfare Department.

discussions from our education and training programs.

As it goes this time of year in Oklahoma, we’re also working with our youth to teach them to be weather aware and held three tornado drills instructing them on where to go and how to line up in case of severe weather.

Participation in the community gardening project is ongoing with the youth doing a lot of weeding in the garden. In smellier news, they’re also learning about composting, but all in all the project is proving to be a great opportunity to go green and help the environment. It made the youth feel good knowing that they were doing their part to keep the environment a little cleaner.

We also had the opportunity to allow the Tribal youth to see something they never had before; eagles. So in coordination with the staff there, they visited the CPN

CPN named top blood drive business partner

The Oklahoma Blood Institute named Citizen Potawatomi Nation as its 2014 top business partner for recruitment of blood donors. The CPN-owned Grand Casino Hotel Resort and FireLake Entertainment Center hosted 14 blood drives last year with 725 donors participating. That has grown from 46 who donated in 2007, the first year CPN Enterprises partnered with Oklahoma Blood Institute to save local lives.



as many as three peoples’ lives, or some 9,816 Oklahomans.

“This is a tremendous achievement,” said Tara Scott of the Oklahoma Blood Institute. “The leadership of CPN not only supports OBI’s mission, they often have blood drives

near holidays, the most difficult times to engage blood donors and meet the ongoing needs of patients.”

Because there is no substitute for blood, the supply must constantly be renewed.

“It’s difficult to think of anything more important we can personally do for our fellow man,” said John Armitage, M.D., president and CEO of Oklahoma Blood Institute.

“We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and effort the staff put into growing their blood drives. With strong support from their patrons, they have set the bar high for other groups across Oklahoma.”

For more information on blood donation or Oklahoma Blood Institute, visit www.obl.org.

Wadase update: May 2015

The landscape around us has swiftly changed with spring's arrival. Winters colors have gone and the trees leafed out almost overnight it seems. The Great Horned owls who nest in the big pecan out back have already seen their owlets hatch and leave the nest. In the evening you can hear them calling with a series of screeches to their parents in the western tree line. The fledglings will remain dependent on their parents for food until fall and their harsh begging calls will most likely be heard throughout the summer. Just as the owlets left the nest, last year's pair of Canadian Geese arrived. They spend the better part of the day in the tall patch of grass we have left for them under the big pecan although the smaller female continues to come and go from another pecan tree out front where we suspect she is laying eggs just as she did last year in that same tree. The male is very protective and will challenge any one or any thing that enters his newly found territory, which seems to be anything on the south side of the aviary. Even the resident turkey toms are challenged when they wander into his newly claimed territory despite the toms being much bigger. He will watch over his mate for the next month as she incubates up to eight eggs.

Wadasé Zhabwé continues to explore new territory to the south west of the aviary. She recently ventured as far south from the Washita River as Comanche, Okla. She made a trip north to Ponca City the beginning of April but stayed just two days before stopping overnight on the North Canadian River in the Dale bottom near the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort before returning to the Washita River near Chickasha.

We were excited to see her return to the Ponca City area along the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River though. She may have ventured north with migrating birds as they return from wintering areas in the south. We have seen large kettles of turkey vultures and spotted several bald



Owlets on their first day out of the hollow.

eagles using the same thermals as they pass high above us. She may have been checking on the hunting grounds there and found that the bass weren't running just yet. Last year she went to Keystone Lake and the area around Ponca City the first week of May. Even though she continues exploring new territory she is adhering to many of the same patterns as the previous year. We will continue to document these trends as we prepare for the time when don't have her GPS backpack to rely on. We have made several unsuccessful trips to the areas along the Washita River in and around the Chickasha area that she

has frequented but have been unable to spot her with any certainty. We have seen many bald eagles in the area though.

We have talked with several landowners, farmers and ranchers and even a few golfers in the area and suspect that a few of them have seen her fishing in the river and nearby ponds. That was no typo when you read golfers either, because she has even spent some time on the backside of the River Bend Golf Course in Chickasha near the Wichita River. Hopefully, with the knowledge of her wearing telemetry and being banded, the next time those individuals spot an eagle, they will be able to look for those items and positively identify Wadasé.

The White Bass will begin spawning soon and we expect her to return to Keystone Lake this month for an extended stay. As always we encourage you to keep your eyes out for Wadasé or other eagles and we welcome any reports or encounters you might have. To follow her movements with us you can visit www.arcgis.com/home and search for "Potawatomi eagle." Send your

encounters with Wadase or any other eagles in the state or wherever you may be to Jennifer.randell@potawatomi.org.

For more information or to read previous updates please visit www.potawatomi.org and search the site for Wadase or visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>.



Wadase above the aviary. Her tail should be almost completely white after this year's molt.

Smoke N Hogs BBQ takes FireLake BBQ Cook-off Grand Champion title

FireLake Discount Foods annual BBQ Cook-off competition hosted teams from all over the nation. This year, 52 teams travelled to FireLake looking to be crowned grand champion, an increase of nine teams from last year.

FireLake Discount Foods' Jason Boyce organizes the event and works with the Kansas City Barbecue Society and the Oklahoma Barbecue Society, both nationally recognized organizations, to oversee and judge the competition.

Greg Evans, owner of Loose Moose Cookers BBQ from Texas and was competing in his first ever KCBS event.

"A lot of my fellow friends who are cooks referred us to this event," said Evans. "The hospitality has been great and we already look forward to coming back next year."

Mike Weibel of Topeka, Kan. is the

owner of Front Door Gang BBQ and Catering and has been attending BBQ events like FireLake's since 2010.

"We compete a lot against the Oklahoma teams but have never been to Oklahoma to compete," said Weibel. "We saw this as a good opportunity to connect with people down here and also meet with one of our corporate sponsors, Daddy Hinkle's in Cleveland, Okla."

"We keep coming back every year because of the great people and competition. Jason Boyce does a heck of a job organizing the event," said owner of Kosmo's Q, Darian Kozz. The Oklahoma City based team, Kosmo's Q are regulars at the fourth annual event.

Teams compete for categories such as best chicken, pork, brisket and pork ribs as well as the overall Grand Champion, Grand Reserve, People's



Greg Evans checks his BBQ temperature.

Choice and a competition for youth.

The 2015 FireLake BBQ Cook-off Grand Champion was Smoke N Hogs BBQ out of Wichita, Kan. and the Grand Reserve winner was Indian Territory Smoke from Preston, Okla.

If you would like to learn more about competing at next year's FireLake Discount Foods BBQ Cook-off competition, please contact Jason Boyce at Jason.B@potawatomi.org.

Since a fire destroyed the original clubhouse in 2011, FireLake Golf Course has continued on, making small upgrades and improvements where possible until a new structure could be erected. As Shawnee, Okla.'s only public golf course, its core customers can be seen lining up outside the temporary clubhouse each weekend.

"It's an exciting time at FireLake," said course director Chris Chesser. "Tribal leaders understood it was time, like any golf course does, to make some updates and that is what we're doing now. The new clubhouse will be the cap, but we're also making a lot of course improvements too."



Drainage near the second green is being renovated to prevent water accumulation while the bunker is



being shrunk. On holes six and seven, new tee boxes are going in to replace current ones. The notorious bunker on the front side of the sixteenth hole has been removed and replaced by a double grass swale.

“Tree trimming is always popular out here with our golfers, especially for anyone who has snap hooked a drive off of the number three tee box,” joked Chesser.

The much maligned green aeration will occur on April 27, but like all responsible tasks, the hassle for golfers who pride themselves on their putting will pay dividends within a week. The course's fine Bermuda greens are a focal point of FireLake's offerings to golfers at Shawnee's only public course.

Major tournaments to come are

- April 17 - Oklahoma Indian Diabetes Coalition Tournament

- May 28 - Grand Casino Hotel

- June 8-9 - Jim Thorpe Native American Games Golf Tournament

- June 19 - #14 Foundation Scramble

- June 26 - CPN Family Reunion Festival Night Golf Tournament

- June 27 – CPN Family Reunion Golf Tournament

- July 25-26 - FireLake Classic

- August 14-16 - Shawnee Shootout (FireLake round on August 14)

Rates at FireLake Golf Course are \$30 for 18-holes and half a cart, while senior discounts during the weekdays and excluding holidays are \$25. Annual memberships can be purchased all year round. For Tribal members and employees it is \$500, for members of the public \$1,200 and seniors pay \$1,000. If you'd like to learn more or book a tee time today, please call at (405) 275-4471.



Skyland Tanyan and Tribal member Caleb Martin work on the new drainage.

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Please attend the Family Reunion Festival on Saturday June 27th and cast your vote in person or return your ballot request when it arrives. Your vote counts!

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***A desire to see Native economic growth that helps Native People**

Shawnee Sister Cities participants visit CPN Eagle Aviary

In 1987 the Tokyo Denki Kagaku Kogyo company opened for business in Shawnee, Okla., an event that tied the Oklahoma town with a fellow municipality in Japan. The sister city relationship with Nikaho was formalized by then-Shawnee Mayor Pierre F. Taron Jr. due to the Japanese city's own ties with TDK and its home as the company's first president and factory. In 1990, the first sister city delegation from Nikaho arrived in Shawnee followed by a reciprocal visit a few months

later by the American delegation to Japan.

Twenty five years later, dozens of citizens from each city have crossed the Pacific Ocean on trips designed to foster ties and cultural understanding. In July 2014, Tribal-member Kate Barrett, whose Potawatomi name is Memekwe, took part in one of these visits to Japan. Barrett's family recently returned the hospitality shown to their daughter on her trip by hosting two Japanese travelers in their visit to Shawnee in April.



The Nikaho delegation at the aviary.

Her mother, Tiffany Barrett, who is also a coordinator for the CPN House of Hope, and husband and Tribal member Jack Barrett of BDC Gun Room, accompanied the delegation of 30 Japanese citizens around Shawnee.

"On the last day we had an opening, so I suggested that we take the group out to the CPN Eagle Aviary," explained Tiffany Barrett. "The visit to see the eagles, which play such an important role in Potawatomi culture, was such a success that the sister cities program has asked it to become a regular feature of the Oklahoma side of the tour."

During the aviary tour, in which the groups got a firsthand look at the eagles in the enclosures as well as Myanabe, a golden eagle, another visitor joined the procession.

"As we were there, aviary director Jennifer Randell pointed out a wild bald eagle that was circling overhead," said Barrett. "It was such a significant sight to have this wild eagle interacting and squawking with the eagles in the enclosure. The experience of it all really impressed our visitors."

Sister city delegations often visit a number local community events, businesses and academic institutions in the host city. This year's trip also involved a visit to Flame Brazilian Steakhouse, located inside the CPN-owned Grand Casino Resort.

Tribal-member and Shawnee City Commissioner Michael Dykstra, who speaks Japanese and whose wife Kumiko is from Japan, also accompanied the group as they visited Shawnee.

"This program is just a great way to foster ties between two peoples who are connected through TDK, a company that means so much to both communities," said Dykstra. "As a proud Potawatomi and member of the city government, I'm just happy to have shown our visitors the important cultural and economic impact tribal-owned entities have on our city."

If you would like to learn more about the sister cities program between Shawnee and Nikaho, visit the group's Facebook page at <http://tinyurl.com/ShawneeSisterCity>.

Gaming fees to state down; tribal economic impact up

With the \$600 million budget shortfall looming, a decrease in gaming revenue fees paid to the state can seem like a major problem for Oklahoma. For the first time since voters approved Vegas-style gaming, the "exclusivity" fees paid to the state dropped more than \$3 million.

The 2015 edition of Casino City's Indian Gaming Industry Report showed that gaming revenue grew by two percent in 2013. The decrease in revenue to the state is likely because of a rise in class II games found in casinos. Tribes are only required to pay the "exclusivity" fee on class III games.

In all, revenue from tribes to the State of Oklahoma has grown more than \$100 million since 2006 and is one of the largest sources of revenue for the state. Citizen Potawatomi Nation is one of the top ten contributors of this revenue.

Despite this drop in revenue to the state though, tribal economic impact has increased dramatically since Vegas-style gaming came to Oklahoma. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation economic impact has grown to more than \$558 million in 2013, an increase of nearly \$200 million since 2005.

Collectively, tribal businesses and governments are the largest employers in the State of Oklahoma, accounting for more than 50,000 jobs. Analysis by the Steven C.

Agee Economic Research & Policy Institute at Oklahoma City University estimated that the total tribal impact on the state was more than \$10 billion in 2012.

Most of the growth created by tribes is in rural Oklahoma. In Shawnee, Okla. alone, Citizen Potawatomi Nation has created 70 percent of new jobs for the past decade and indirectly supports hundreds more in the surrounding communities.

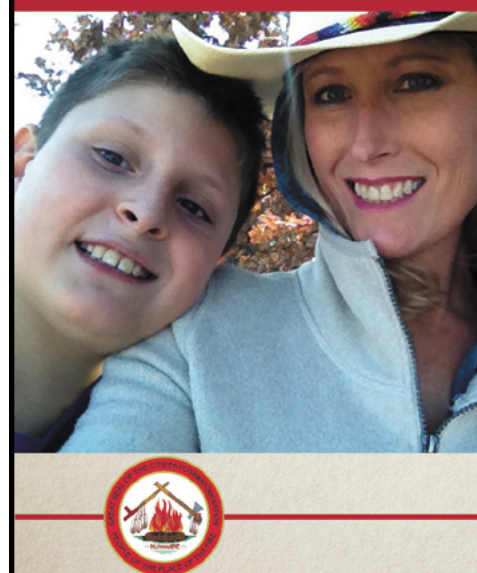
In addition to jobs, tribal governments help ease the burden of services on the state, providing funding for education, health and safety and contributing to non-profit and community organizations. More than 50,000 families benefited from healthcare, meals and educational opportunities provided by CPN in 2013. Oklahoma schools received \$239,118 in funding from Tribal car tag sales and local community organizations received \$2.4 million in contributions.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, it's irresponsible at best to insinuate that tribes' economic impact in the state have declined simply due to a mild downturn in gaming revenue fees. As Oklahoma's tribes have continually shown, their role is much more than casinos. Tribal gaming "exclusivity" fees may have peaked, but the impact of Oklahoma tribes will continue to grow.



The Grand Casino Hotel Resort is one of two CPN-owned gaming enterprises.

Thank you for a third term as Oklahoma Representative #11.



I am proud to be Citizen Potawatomi. I think about it, talk about it, write about it, and pray about it each day. I have spent 20 years working to better the lives of Indian people and strengthen tribal governments in Oklahoma through the grants I write to make smaller tribes more progressive. I learned from the best teacher - Chairman Rocky Barrett. In Oklahoma where Indian nation rights are under attack by the Governor, I am blessed to be able to teach my son the value of fighting for right over wrong. Thank you for allowing me another four years to work with our legislature to keep up the effort.

Respectfully, Lisa Kraft

Zientek testifies before Congress

By Margaret Zientek,
Assistant Director CPN Employment
and Training Program

On April 13, 2015, Tribal member and Assistant Director of CPN's Employment and Training Program Margaret Zientek testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs concerning House Resolution 329. Below is an abridged version of her remarks.

As co-chair for the P.L. 102-477 Tribal Work Group for 15 years, I speak to give voice for the 65 employment and training programs serving more than 250 tribes across the U.S.

I cannot state strongly enough tribal appreciation for the committee's attention to this important and long overdue bill, H.R. 329. The positive impact in terms of tribal services, increased efficiency and the promotion of job creation in Indian Country is greatly needed.

The 477 Initiative has been essential for the development of effective and efficient tribal services to increase employment, training and related social services in Indian Country and to date has received the highest OMB PART rating of any program in Indian Country. With the consolidation of funding streams, tribes use this initiative to reduce administrative burdens and increase services to the most needy. It has provided flexibility for tribes to tailor activities into a single program to meet the unique



Zientek during her 2014 Congressional testimony.

needs of their respective communities while still strictly adhering to the Government Performance Results Acts accountability standards.

In the fiscal year 2013, 43,702 people were served through the 477 Initiative. For adults for whom employment was an objective, 43 percent entered unsubsidized employment. For the adults and youth who attempted to earn a degree or certificate, 58 percent reached their goal. The increase adult earnings was \$7.84 an hour, while the increase in cash assistance recipient earnings was \$11.08. With unemployment rates ranging from 20-80 percent across our tribal programs, these numbers demonstrate a phenomenal success!

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's 477 Program has been in place since 1996. Over the past four years, 6,000 participants were served through the 477 program. Of those who had

employment as their goal, 47 percent achieved unsubsidized employment. Average gain per hour was in excess of \$4.29.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is just one example where tribes utilize the 477 Initiative to serve the hard-to-serve population in high unemployment areas with great success. The 477 Tribes are able to move tribal members from cash assistance programs to unsubsidized employment and self-sufficiency.

In 2012, at the instruction of House and Senate appropriations language and in combination with the president's Administrative Efficiency Executive Order, federal agencies and 477 Tribal Work Group members formed the P.L. 102-47 Administrative Flexibility Work Group. After two years of meetings, a consensus was reached on a number of issues, however, disagreements over fund transfers

and reporting remain. In May 2014, meetings were temporarily suspended. No additional meeting of the administrative flexibility work group has been held since. This bill, H.R. 329, addresses and provides resolution to the majority of the remaining issues.

The Employment, Training, and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015 builds on past successes and lays a framework for expansion. The proposed law makes it clear the intent of Congress is to allow tribes true consolidation of programs from three very different federal agencies in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Health & Human Services and Department of Labor with no separate program reporting to each agency, and reaffirms these funds can directly support economic development and job creation.

In sections 9 and 14, H.R. 329 also provides dispute resolution not previously present in the Act. These provisions make it clear the intent of Congress is for tribes to be able to maximize their ability to leverage funds and to provide the most efficient services to those in need.

On behalf of P.L. 102-477 tribes, I thank you for hearing and responding to our needs with this proposed law. We urge the expeditious review and mark-up of H.R. 329, which resolves these issues and permits long term workforce development goals for which the Tribes and tribal organizations have been working.

PBA Summer Swing returns to Grand Casino Resort

For the second year running, FireLake Bowling Center, FireLake Entertainment Center and the Grand Casino Resort will host one of the PBA's premier bowling showcases.

Tickets for the CBS Sports Network finals of five PBA Grand Casino Resort Summer Swing events are now available. The finals of the Wolf, Badger, Bear, PBA Oklahoma Open, and Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event will be contested in the Grand Casino Event Center in Shawnee, Okla., on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17.

"For us it is a great opportunity to bring professional sports to Shawnee, something which we're proud of at FireLake," said FireLake Bowling Center Director Chris Skillings. "The inaugural event last year was spectacularly successful, and this year it will only get better."

Individual day passes can be purchased at grandboxoffice.com/event?eventid=66 for \$25. Day passes are for general admission seating in the balcony overlooking the two-lane bowling installation, and are good for all telecasts happening the day of purchase. Weekend passes can be purchased at grandboxoffice.com/event?eventid=65. Tickets are \$60 each, allow access to all finals conducted over the weekend, and

will be good for general admission seating on the first floor bleachers next to the lanes.

The May 16 schedule includes the Wolf Open finals at 11 a.m. CST, the Bear Open at 2:30 p.m. CST and Badger Open at 5:15 p.m. CST.

On May 17, the Oklahoma Open finals begin at noon and the finals of the King of the Swing follow at 3:30 p.m.

Qualifying rounds for the Summer Swing are at the FireLake Bowling Center from May 11-14.

For players and fans planning to travel to the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel Resort for the event, rooms can be booked at grandresortok.com/hotel/ or by calling 405-964-7777. The Grand Casino Hotel Resort is a full-service complex featuring the 262-room Grand Hotel, restaurants, FireLake Golf Course and many other amenities.

A pro-am program on May 9 at FireLake Bowling Center is a great opportunity for local bowlers to try their hand at bowling with some of the world's best. To enter the pro-am event, contact the FireLake Bowling Center at 405-275-0404 or contact their FireLake Bowling Center Facebook page. Hurry, as space is limited.

A promotional poster for the PBA Summer Swing event. It features a male bowler in a blue and black shirt holding a bowling ball. The background is dark with red and blue energy-like patterns. Logos for "OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT", "FIRELAKE BOWLING CENTER", and "CBS SPORTS NETWORK" are visible. Text on the poster includes: "OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING", "PRO-AM PRESENTED BY ROTO-GRIP MAY 9 - 2 PM • FIRELAKE BOWL", "QUALIFYING AND MATCH PLAY MAY 11 - 14 • FIRELAKE BOWL", "CBS SPORTS NETWORK FINALS MAY 16 & 17 • GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT". At the bottom, it lists "FIRELAKE BOWL 40345 HAPDESTY ROAD • SHAWNEE, OK • 405 275 0404 www.firelakebowl.com" and "GRAND CASINO RESORT 777 GRAND CASINO BLVD. • SHAWNEE, OK 74804 • 405 964 7777 www.grandshawnee.com".

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Family: Ogee
Washougal High School

Darrin Decker
Topeka, Kansas
Family: Ogee
Washburn Rural High School

Aden Michael Eilers
Lake Oswego, Oregon
Family: Anderson
Lakeridge High School

Madison Flores
Spring, Texas
Family: Beaubien
Klein Collins High School

Max Pasion-Gonzales
Visalia, California
Family: Burnett
Redwood High School
Attending University of
California Santa Barbara

Zach Holmes
Overbrook, Kansas
Shawnee Heights High School

Katelynn Johnson
Loxley, Alabama
Family: Holloway
Baldwin Christian Home Educators'
Association

Kaitlyn Kelley
Farmersville, Texas
Family: Pratt
Farmersville High School

Kay Lynn Mattena
Westmoreland, Tennessee
Family: Navarre/Burns
Westmoreland High School
Graduating with honors.
Accepted to Mercyhurst University

Paige Renee Morris
San Diego, California
Family: Bourassa
Patrick Henry High School
Accepted to University of Oregon

Brandon Parks
Allen, Texas
Family: Parks
Allen High School

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Topeka, Kansas
Family: Bertrand
Hayden High School

Jordan L. Rezac
Leawood, Kansas
Family: Bertrand
St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Noah Ben Seigel
Havre, Montana
Family: Melot
Havre High School

Mason Joseph Vaccaro
San Jose, California
Family: Bertrand
Bellarmine College Preparatory

Madison Lea Vogltanz
Ringgold, Virginia
Family: Pettifer
Dan River High School
Graduate of Merit

College/University

Echo Adair
Sperry, Oklahoma
Family: Wamego
Tulsa Technology Center
LPN

Alexandra Beil
Tampa, Florida
Family: Clardy
Florida State University
BA in Russian and Spanish

Nikki Carlstrom
Elgin, Oklahoma
Family: Bressman
Cameron University
BA in History

Marshall Philip Cohen
Arlington, Virginia
Family: Juneau/Yott/Vieux
James Madison University
BS in Sports Management

Larry G Dillman, Jr
El Cajon, CA
Family: Vieux, Bertrand, Melot,
Navarre
Grossmont College
Associates Degree in Criminal
Justice

Amanda L. Funk
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania
Family: Tescier/Smith
Kutztown University
MA in English

Robert Geiger
Visalia, California
Family: Frances/Navarre/Melot
Hillsdale College
BS in Speech/Rhetoric

Sharon Jones Geiger
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Family: Frances/Navarre/Melot
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Family: Bergeron
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#14 Foundation Golf Scramble tees off June 19

The summer golf season is here, meaning the time for fundraising golf tournaments is at hand. One of the premier events of the summer in past years is the #14 Foundation Golf Scramble. The annual tournament raises funds for the Josh Heupel #14 Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by former University of Oklahoma player and coach. The foundation is dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of children-in-need to help them achieve their highest potential, by providing programs which inspire hope, develop leadership, accountability,

goal setting and achievement.

This year's tournament tees off June 19 at FireLake Golf Course at 9 a.m., with four person teams paying a \$500 entry fee. Hole sponsorships are available, and each team will get an opportunity to play a hole with a sports celebrity.

Registration sheets can be found on the FireLake Golf Course website, www.FireLakeGolf.com or by contacting Sarah Lawrance at 14Foundationgolf@gmail.com or 405-630-5155.





Tribal Chairman – John “Rocky” Barrett

Bozho, Nikanek, (Hello, My Friends),

In this column, I would like to comment on some misconceptions on the present controversy with the State of Oklahoma about their efforts to force us to collect sales taxes for them at our businesses; Sort of a “primer” on Shawnee sales taxes and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I just gave a speech in Austin, Texas to a national group of financial experts who belong to a group called the Native American Finance Officers Association. They were incredulous about the behavior of the mayor and two or three city commissioners from the City of Shawnee. Here is the way I see, as well as the experts.

First, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation owes no sales taxes. We are the seller, not the buyer.

Under Oklahoma law, the sales taxes Shawnee wants must come from its citizens who are buyers (and who are not Tribal members). *Shawnee wants us to be their tax collectors.*

Since federal law says we are not in Shawnee, we will not do it.

Here is an example: Sallisaw residents shop in Ft. Smith, Ark. and the City of Sallisaw wants those sales taxes, federal law won't let an Oklahoma town make Arkansas be their tax collector.

Here is another: If you are a Shawnee citizen and you buy something from Amazon.com, you owe the city those sales taxes, but Shawnee can't make Amazon collect the taxes for them.

The 8.5 percent taxes we collect are Tribal. They pay for our 24 police officers, our fire department, our sewer system and our water system, just like Shawnee.

Shawnee de-annexation and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation only wants the land in its deeded

ownership to be removed from the City's limits claim. The land was not legally annexed. Even if it was, when it went into federal trust, it was legally outside the city. We do not want, as Commissioner Keith Hall says, to see the “assets of the City to be given away.”

We don't use, need, or want the sewer and water lines belonging to Shawnee. The road was built by the state and widened and resurfaced by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. We own the land under the road. We put in the street lights, traffic lights, and shoulders.

Bottom line, the agenda is coming from Governor Mary Fallin's office, probably orchestrated, if not originated by her General Counsel Steve Mullins, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney. They are looking for a scapegoat for the \$600 million shortfall in the state budget and cynically playing up on their perception of a possible racial prejudice that they can stir up against a successful Indian Tribe.

Nasty stuff, I know. The evidence is very strong. Given the racial overtones from the mayor and his crony Hall, it is

an ugly possibility.

As I said in a previous column, talking about the form of Tribal government can be dry stuff for many. History is more real for those who lived it. For those who are coming into Tribal government, the future has huge potential. We are at the “crossroads,” as the old chestnut goes. The best description is a “tipping point.”

We find ourselves in deep conflict with our neighbor city, Shawnee. This is a sign of our success, since they ignored us until they saw we had some money they might try to seize. There are several solutions to this conflict, the most promising being the election of fair-minded, informed officials to Shawnee City Government.

As Citizen Potawatomi Nation citizens who live in Shawnee, we have the responsibility and privileges of dual citizenship. It is time for us to take a more active role in our duties as Oklahomans who live in the City of Shawnee. When the city foolishly puts its tribal neighbors in peril, it is our responsibility to set in motion a remedy. Progress is not a “zero-sum game” as Mayor

Wes Mainord, Commissioner Keith Hall and Commissioner James Harrod would have the people believe. Tribal progress does not come at a cost to the City of Shawnee. We are contributors: our job creation is the most essential element in the continued growth of Shawnee's tax revenues and civic gain.

If any of you have a chance to play an active part in this epic challenge to our very existence, please do so. Talk to your neighbors; go to city commission meetings; enlist the help and prayers of those in your church; encourage Commissioner Michael Dykstra, Commissioner Lesa Shaw and Commissioner Linda Agee in their fight to put Shawnee back on track. There is so much to be gained for our whole community.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Tribal chairman.

Migwetch,
John “Rocky” Barrett
Keweoge
(He leads them home)
By Rocky Barrett



Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps

tribal chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer will be visiting their district meetings again. We certainly want and plan to do more travel even in the remainder of 2015.

I had an opportunity to share my personal views recently on the 2007 CPN constitutional change for the Native Nations Rebuilders Program of the Bush Foundation. The discussion led to the biggest obstacles that CPN faced with our constitutional reform efforts. Through research that they have on file from our self-governance department and from discussions with Chairman John Barrett, the Native Nations Rebuilders Program listed several challenges.

A few included were the challenges in keeping up consistent communication and participation at the local level and Tribal member expectations of full service at the district level. These challenges will, no doubt, be ongoing endeavors for our quality governmental process. I still think the number one obstacle of the whole constitutional change was that of informing Tribal membership nationwide of the impending impact that the change would have on our new government.

Whenever you have a Tribal population that resides in all 50 states and even foreign countries, it is a tremendous



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challenge to convey all the details of a monumental change for the future of our people. How to get the word out to the majority of our people in order to introduce the concept of constitutional change was the major obstacle. Social media is a big help, but it will never be the total solution. The *Hownikan* publication is a valuable resource, but it is wrought with problems as well. If a tribal member moves without notifying tribal rolls, their *Hownikan* is lost in the shuffle. Young people who have moved away from home may not have an established residence and would not receive the newspaper. If for whatever reason, your address is not current in tribal rolls, you will not receive the *Hownikan*.

The CPN constitutional reform history is now a matter of

record, but I do not want our people to forget the journey that we as a Nation endured in order to reach a more efficient, effective Tribal government... one with increased citizen participation and cultural identity, decentralized governmental powers with checks and balances and the removal of federal domination. These are a few of the benefits to our new government. I encourage you to read the account of our constitutional reform. There are numerous articles via the Internet.

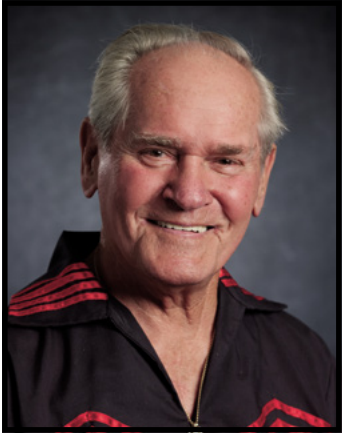
The Native Nations Institute, housed at the University of Arizona's Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, has done extensive research of our CPN constitutional reform. That is mainly due to the fact that Chairman Barrett has been an active member on their

International Advisory Council for years. We are thankful for the many years the organization has honored our Tribe. Due to Chairman Barrett's involvement, their ownership realizes that CPN is a top contender within the concept of “Native Nation building.”

You can consider this article as my affirmation that I am proud of our 2007 constitutional reform. I am proud of our legislative process and of our current legislative members. I salute their efforts and determination to be a positive change for representation of our Tribal members. They have done a superb job in reaching out to their constituents in order to make a difference.

With Festival in sight, it is a good time to publicly make my commitment for a supreme effort to better serve our legislators in the districts outside of Oklahoma and those legislators who reside in Oklahoma. By doing so, I believe that I will be a better and more informed executive team member, which will provide me with the tools to be an improved representative of all of our Tribal members. I appreciate the opportunity to service as your vice-chairman.

Linda Capps
Vice Chairman
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Bozho Nikanek,

My wife Julia and I have just returned from Schaumburg, Ill. where we attended an exhibit of CPN member Sharon Hoogstraten's art work at the Trickster Art Gallery. The Trickster gallery is the only Native American-owned art center in Illinois. Sharon is a photographer who has worked extensively for the CPN.

District 1 – Roy Slavin

Her exhibit "Dancing for my Tribe" is photographs she has taken of CPN members in regalia. The photographs have all been printed on canvas and another medium that is transparent all are about 3"x4" and all are outstanding. A very good lunch was served by a Native American caterer with Native American entrées and fry bread.

The Trickster Art Gallery is operated by a Native American, Joe Podlasek. The gallery features contemporary Native American arts, veteran programs, a library and a research area. The Trickster Gallery, in conjunction with the Robert McCormick

Cantigny First (Army) Division Museum, is sponsoring an event called "American Indians Veterans, the Untold Story" The event will take place Aug. 29-30, 2015 at Contigny Army First Division museum in Wheaton, Ill. American Indian veterans from across the country are invited and will be interviewed for the creation of a documentary that tells their story in their words. This is very similar to our own Wall of Honor in Shawnee, Okla. where each veteran's picture is on the wall and the interview of their military service can be heard on a kiosk. I think it is so great that long after I am gone my descendents will be able to see my picture

as I looked then and hear my voice as I speak of my military experience.

It is estimated that 22 percent of Native Americans ages 18 and older are veterans, higher than any other race or ethnic group. There are many different Native American languages used in military communications and during various wars, the most notable being the "code talkers" of WWII. American Indians have a proud history of honoring veterans. Cultural events are always led in by veterans and this land's first flag and an eagle staff. Veterans, if your picture is not on our Wall of Honor, please let me know and I will help you get it there.

Let me take this time to remind everyone the annual Family Reunion Festival is coming up the last week end of June, if you have not made reservations best do so now. I hope to see everyone there.

I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If you do not get email or regular mail from me occasionally it is because I do not have your contact information and due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide me with that information.

Migwetch
Netagtege (Roy)



Bozho nikanek (Hello friends)!

Little Rock report: We had a great turnout (close to 70 people) at the March District 2 meeting at the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock. Dixie Quinn/Mkebdemkokwe found the venue. The services of the church groundskeeper came with our rental fee, which

District 2 – Eva Marie Carney

at the start of the meeting and another Little Rock resident, David Thomasson/Gshipto, smudged the room and the meeting attendees. We began with introductions all around and progressed to a discussion of our family histories, government, culture and needs. Stories were told (migwetch particularly to Reba Shewmaker, Dennis Johnson and Jim Lemon for their contributions), photos and lunch were shared, and gifts were exchanged (Reba Faye Shewmaker was recognized as our wisest, Charleigh Schaff as the youngest, and Dennis Johnson, from Clearwater, Fla., as our farthest travelled); I presented a powerpoint overview, showed the *Going Home* video and had Dixie's assistance in demonstrating the Indian hand game contest. After the meeting I had the honor of naming Randy "Doc"/Widoktadwat Rhodd, with his lovely wife Sharon at his side, in a quiet spot near the meeting venue. All in all, a lovely day and I treasured the opportunity

to visit again with folks I've met before, and to meet for the first time quite a few Potawatomi and their friends



Wisest Reba Shewmaker.

and family members.

One of the memorable "finds" in Little Rock was a sculpture by CPN artist Denny Haskew, placed in the "Forever a Rose Garden." I happened upon it during an early morning run along the Arkansas River and Riverfront Park. I've included a photo here. It seems we Potawatomi are around many corners! I learned from Internet research and follow-up with Denny that the sculpture is surrounded by roses that bloom spring to first frost and Yoshino Cherry trees that bloom in the spring, and that Denny wrote a poem to accompany the sculpture, as follows:

*A shadow passesby
Branches and leaves quiver,
.....slightly.*

*Quickly I turn my head
searching, Longing for just
one ore touch.*

My memory of you,

Forever A Rose.

Visiting opportunities: This column will be published after the District 2 meeting in Miami. Our Atlanta meeting is not until June 6, however, so there is time to make your plans if that is at all possible! Please see the postcard invitation reprinted here. Children are welcome and you are encouraged to bring your family stories, including genealogy charts and photos. Family Festival also now is around the corner, during the last weekend in June. I will be organizing District 2 hand games teams again this year and supplying hats and pre-game instruction (not much to learn as you'll know if you have played or watched!) on Friday night, June 26, in our Roundhouse on the Festival grounds. Please let me know if you want to join one of our teams!

Community: When planning meetings around our district and organizing teams for Festival competition I know that many of you may not have the opportunity to travel. I periodically update my website with photos, news and other items of interest so please visit it from

time to time. Please also consider joining our District 2 Facebook page, if you are a user of Facebook (contact me for details on joining), and call or write me with any questions, concerns or news.



The "Forever a Rose" statue.

Kind regards and *bama pi* (until later),

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Youngest, Charleigh Schaff.

was an incredible "plus." Her and Dixie's assistance with AV, food and beverage set up throughout the day helped make the event run virtually seamlessly (we did have some pretty significant mike feedback at one point – my issue, not the Cathedral's! I hope everyone's ears are back to normal now!). Dixie put down our cedar



Jim Lemon, Eva and D10
Legislator David Barrett.

Citizen Potawatomi and family members are invited

Come share Potawatomi cultural traditions, family stories and a good lunch. CPN District 2 Legislator Eva Marie Carney will provide an update on Tribal business.

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Bozho Nikan (Hello friend)

A few days ago, I was reading an article about what kind of changes we can expect in the world by roughly 2050. While in all probability I may not be here at that time, many of you reading this brief column will be.

There are several elements that will contribute to what is going to evolve. A major factor is the population and urban growth in the world. Currently we read in the news about the immigration

District 3 – Bob Whistler

here in the U.S., but that is only a small thing compared to the current and projected number of births taking place in the world in the next 35 years. Many of our cities will have more than twice as many inhabitants as they do today. We could easily see many of our major cities that have over 20 to 30 million inhabitants! That means more buildings and loss of land needed to grow crops, along with potentially more air pollution.

Because of the population growth, there will be an increase in water consumption and need for more food. In looking at a world map, the prognosis for much of Asia Minor and Africa along with some areas of South America reflect that they will be in the greatest areas affected. Even today, there is a water shortage in a

number of countries in Asia Minor and Africa. We also see many of our own states here in the U.S. already rationing the use of water. They are passing legislation limiting watering our lawns and washing our automobiles. While I see both California and Colorado in the news, we face the same thing right here in Texas. Our lakes are still at record lows and that water is what we need for drinking, cooking and other uses. We can go weeks with almost no food, but only a few days without water.

There are small things that we can do to better utilize and conserve this particular resource. For example, when you take your shower, make it quick. You don't need to spend five or six minutes in the shower, or take a 5 to 8 gallon bath. Get wet, soap up, rinse off, and then towel dry.

Not only will you save water, but you are also taking better care of your skin. When you brush your teeth or are shaving, the water doesn't need to run when you are not rinsing off the brush or razor. Turn it on when you do those two specific things. It is estimated that the average person wastes over 200 gallons of water each month in each of these two personal functions. I know these seem small, but the little things add up. Your water bill will go down a little too.

This conservation of resources is what our culture and heritage is all about! Our ancestors thought about the future and use of what was available. Nature is a very fragile thing and all the elements acting together are needed. Once we are in a downward cycle it is very difficult to change, let alone

reverse the direction. So I urge you to look at what you do, and use your resources the same way our ancestors did. Be practical and use only as what is really needed.

I look forward to seeing you at Family Festival on June 26-28. I thank my fellow District 3 Tribal members for allowing me to represent you and am proud to be given this honor. I am just a telephone call or email away if you need to contact me. So use me as a resource if needed.

Bama pi (later),

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Have you heard about the Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee Program?

What is the Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program?
The Section 184 Loan Program was designed to provide access to mortgage financing to Native American and Alaskan Native tribal members. Section 184 home loans are guaranteed 100 percent by the Office of Loan Guarantee within HUD's Office of Native American Programs. This guarantee encourages

District 4 – Jon Boursaw

national and local banks to provide mortgage loans to Native Americans. The Office of Loan Guarantee works with a national network of lenders to increase Native access to home financing and to improve the value of Native investments. Our CPN-owned bank, the First National Bank & Trust in Shawnee, is a participating lender in this program and will offer mortgages to qualified CPN members living in Kansas.

There are many advantages to using a Section 184 Loan:
• Low down payment
• Low interest rates
• No monthly mortgage insurance

What can you use the Section 184 Loan for?
• Purchase an existing home
• Construct a new home

Who do I contact about other uses?
Contact Jeff Scoggins for the following uses:

- To rehabilitate a home
- To purchase and rehabilitate a home
- Refinance a home

Where can you use the Section 184 Loan?
Participating tribes determine the areas where the Section 184 loan can be used. CPN members living anywhere Kansas are eligible to apply for a Section 184 loan.

Who is Eligible to use the Section 184 Loan?
To use the Section 184 Loan, you must be an enrolled CPN member.

Point of Contact at the First National Bank & Trust in Shawnee, OK

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My recent activities:
I continue to receive requests to give my CPN History presentation. In late March I made a presentation to a group of seniors at the Countryside Methodist Church in Topeka. On May 4, I gave it at the Downtown Topeka Kiwanis Club. On May 25, Memorial Day, I have been asked to give a special version of the presentation emphasizing the history of Tribe while on the Kansas Reservation at a function on Bill Bethour's ranch near Maple Hill. Jude Bourassa's home site and Grist Mill (circa late 1840s-50s) were located on

what is now Bethour's ranch. Also on Memorial Day, Roy Slavin, District 1 Representative, my brother Lyman and I will participate at the Massing of Colors at the Great Overland Station in Topeka. Last year over 100 color guards participated in this event.

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Bozho,

What a great time for our District 5 Citizen Potawatomi Nation meeting in Mesa, Arizona over the weekend of April 4. We had the opportunity to meet, mingle and experience the "Potawannabe" Rabbit.

District 5 – Gene Lambert

I wish everyone could have been there. There were baskets, rabbits, eggs, giveaways, entertainment, great food, and family, family, family! We even had the children named the rabbit and away we went.

Gratefully we had members from New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona as you can see from the picture.

During the meeting we did a survey and we want to thank you all for your participation.

By the time you receive this edition of the paper the new web site has been launched

with all the information we discussed. We will continue to add as we progress.

Keep letting us know your needs so we can continue to be of assistance.

You will have access with either tinyurl.com/CPNDistrict5 or CP0.05.com will take you there.

As always I can be reached at 480-228-6509. All other numbers are forwarded to my personal cell phone. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for a response, though I do try and respond same day when possible.



2015 District 05 Attendees



District 6 – Rande K. Payne

Ahau Jayek!

Spirituality can be an infinite number of things. Just a few that come to mind are deep, meaningful, personal, enlightening, life giving, confusing, mysterious and maybe even elusive at times. Hopefully, the District 6 Gathering in Las Vegas on April 11 helped those in attendance gain a better understanding at a number of different levels.

Casey Church is an excellent teacher to say the least, and I get why he has great passion for the work he is doing. Such a fascinating guy and I thought I was busy! Casey drove up from Pasadena, Calif. to be with us where he had spent the week studying and writing for his doctorate degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. Just prior to that he had returned from a 12 day trip to Alaska as a volunteer for Carry the Cure's Iditarod Outreach event. Carry the Cure is a non-profit organization that utilizes clinical tools, cultural traditions

and faith-based methods to offer Native Alaskan communities comprehensive suicide and abuse prevention and healthy life-choice skills. Among Casey's many gifts are powwow dancing and making pottery. For the Iditarod Outreach event Casey danced in full regalia to the drum and music of Broken Walls during their visit to eight Alaskan villages. I am blessed to know this man and sincerely hope we can do more events together in the future.

At the Las Vegas gathering Casey provided us a great overview of traditional Midewiwin (Midewewin) ceremonies. He was very thorough in how they are done and the meaning behind them. Casey also taught us how those ceremonies have been blended into contemporary Christian Native life making them culturally relevant among Christian Natives today. The most moving for me was the pipe ceremony. Casey explained from the very beginning in great detail of how to make a pipe and invited everyone's participation in the actual ceremony.

I was truly in Potawatomi heaven with the folks in Las Vegas. Thank you all for coming and helping make the event enjoyable for everyone! I want to especially thank Tribal citizen Holly Davis for helping arrange for the venue, helping with the set up and tear

down, photography, lunch etc. etc. I would also like to thank Destiny Church for the warmth and hospitality of their beautiful facility.

Bama mine,

"On your feet now—give thanks to the Creator! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence." Psalm 100: 1-2 (The Message, paraphrased)

Igwien,

Rande K. Payne/Mnedo Gabo

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*Wisest in attendance
Deanna Neves.*



The group of Potawatomi attendees in Las Vegas.



Casey Church and Rande.



District 8 – Dave Carney

Bozho, Potawatomi!

Last June I wrote a column about a home loan program available only to CPN members and other federally recognized Indians. Recently, I have received several inquiries about Native lending and thought I'd share a success story – this is not a commercial! It is a way that you may be able to be financed or re-financed when conventional paths are closed. There are at least three members living in our district that have utilized this program in last few months.

From member Linda Bogle Hermanson (Josephine Rosa Peltier, Lucille Whitlock):

"We now have completed our refinance and are so happy! It was not easy; we had lots of road blocks. Some were because I am self-employed but mostly because I chose the

wrong lender. I should have asked my Potawatomi district legislator for advice on that before starting the loan process. Once he put me in touch with a local Wells Fargo agent I was given plenty of good advice (even though he was not doing our loan!) and we got past the hurdles.

"We bought our home in 2005 using 100 percent financing as was common in that market. The two mortgages had low interest rates for the time and interest only payments for 10 years. Not scary then because the house values were increasing and we had plenty of time to refinance or sell and move. But things change and we were not able to pay off the second mortgage as we had planned. Unfortunately, it was an adjustable rate mortgage. Then the market crashed and house values went down. The second mortgage payments were increasing as the interest rates went up and we could not refinance because the house value was too low. There was nothing we could do but make the payments and wait. Finally during these past few months the housing values have come back to about the same 2005 levels. But mortgage lending practices are much stricter. There are no easy 100 percent

lending options available. Then I learned about the Section 184 loan.

With only 2.25 percent down payment and home equity required for us and a low, fixed interest rate and 'a hands-on approach to underwriting and approval opposed to automated decision-making tools.' I figured it was worth a try. So now, two and a half months later I am happy to tell you that we have a new fixed rate mortgage with one low monthly payment. The new payment is lower, saving us lots of money! Many thanks to my District 8 Legislator Dave Carney and also Jason Roberson at Wells Fargo! We could not have done it without your help!"

To recap the features of the program that make it unique:

- **Low Down Payment:** 2.25 percent on loans over \$50,000 and only 1.25 percent on loans under \$50,000.

- **Low Interest Rates:** based on market rates, not on applicant's Credit Scores

- **Manual Underwriting:** The Program utilizes a hands-on approach to underwriting and approval opposed to automated decision-making tools.

- **Growing National Network of Approved Lenders:** The network of approved lenders includes national companies and local banks to suit your needs. The Lenders have also been trained on the unique circumstances of Native homeownership.

- **No monthly mortgage insurance:** a one-time 1% up front guarantee fee is paid at closing and can be financed into the loan.

- **Protection from predatory lending:** The Program monitors the fees our approved lenders can charge Native borrowers.

- **Knowledgeable Staff:** The staff understands the unique circumstances associated with lending on Native Lands and work with borrowers to achieve home ownership and to avoid default and foreclosure.

How do I know if I qualify?

- Only enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe are eligible – that's *you*, CPN members!

- Only some District 8 states are 100% eligible to use the

program: WA, OR, MT, ID, ND, SD and AK. In Wyoming and Nebraska it is a county by county eligibility.

In closing, if you have not taken advantage of the Citizens Potawatomi Nation's one time grant program of \$2,125 toward closing costs or refinancing, now might be a perfect time in conjunction with this 184 program. And you may want to do it soon. In my area, home sales are up 25 percent over last year and preliminary numbers look like about a 9 percent appreciation from last year. Great for refinancing, not so great if you are trying to buy your first home.

I hope to see many District 8 folks at the Family Festival in June at FireLake. If you plan on coming, please let me know so we can connect and start figuring strategy for winning the hand game competition!

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you,

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District 11 – Lisa Kraft

“How do you plan on paying unexpected medical bills?”

In all honesty, I don’t think about paying for a nursing home or unexpected medical bills at my age, although I should. I have insurance and enough in savings to cover the occasional emergency room bills when my four-wheeler decides to go one way and me the other. I had two serious wrecks last year and have sworn off ATVs. I’ll stick to recreational horseback riding, thank you. The sad thing is; it took a death in the family for me to start planning for my long-term care.

We said goodbye to Aunt Pearl (Smith) shortly before Easter. She was 95 and a true joy to talk with. She had seen so many things and could talk about politics, antiques and basketball. She was vibrant and amazingly active. She lived by herself in Wichita, Kan. in the historic district near Fairmount Park. Her front porch was the local gathering place for college students. She would remark that she had been around the world

thanks to her upstairs tenants. She rented to foreign women students at Wichita State for almost 30 years.

It wasn’t until we were packing up her house after the funeral that I stopped to really look at a picture hanging behind the bathroom door. The picture wasn’t of a far-away beautiful location or even a small painting from one of her many friends; it was a torn page from a magazine that she had framed. It was of a man in a hospital gown washing dishes with the caption, “How do you plan on paying unexpected medical bills?”

Rather than living her final years celebrating a life well lived, she was writing out a check to God Father’s pizza each week for \$3.50 on a meal that would probably last her two days. Aunt Pearl had lived in fear of how she would pay for her care and not be a financial burden to her family. It struck me so hard that this was on her mind, that I still can’t shake it off.

Four months prior to her passing, Aunt Pearl slipped on the front stairs and fell. She was hurt badly. She had to go into a rehabilitation center for almost four months. Medicare picked up the skilled rehabilitation care costs for the first 20 days and then her Medicare supplemental insurance picked up until she exhausted it after about two and a half months. She wanted to come home after that because

she did not have long-term care coverage and would have been out of pocket for every day after the first 100 days. Of course, the family would have helped her pay for it, but she wouldn’t hear of it. She said she felt better being home and the family decided to bring her back.

Medicare does not pay for home health care, but will pay for a skilled nurse to come to the home under Part B. She stayed with Aunt Pearl about five hours a day. Aunt Pearl had to pay out of pocket for someone to stay round-the-clock with her because she was bedridden at that point and in tremendous pain. Her fall broke three ribs and her body began producing too much excess fluid. She went back to the hospital after being at home for two weeks and passed away there.

It is staggering to see the costs of rehabilitation care and hospital bills. The cost of the rehabilitation center was almost \$7,000 a month and only covered room and food. This is less than the average private room nursing home cost of \$248 a day, or \$7,440 a month, or \$90,500 annually according to a 2012 MetLife survey. The government released the National Nursing Home Survey and estimates that the average nursing home stay of an elderly person is 835 days.

Without long-term care insurance, the family is left with an exorbitant bill or where



a loved ones’ assets have to be sold to qualify for Medicaid. Nearly one in 10 nursing home residents are age 75 to 84 and stay in a nursing home for five or more years, according to a US News report. However, three of the 10 in that same age group stay under the 100 days.

Pearl was also of the generation that refused to apply for Medicaid. She wanted her historic home to stay with her family and what little savings she had to cover her medical costs. Hence, she lived a life in the end denying herself the simple pleasures of eating out just to save for the day when she would have to pay for unexpected medical bills.

I hope Pearl’s story can help those of you faced with putting a loved one in skilled or assisted care or perhaps a nursing home if you cannot take care of them

in your own home. It is never too late to begin planning for Medicare Supplemental Insurance or long-term care insurance for your loved ones and for yourself. Please visit www.medicaresupplement.com and www.aplaceformom.com to learn more about programs and benefits for planning purposes. “A Place for Mom” was very active in trying to help secure veterans benefits for widows in case she had to stay in a nursing home for the rest of her life.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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District 13 – Bobbi Bowden

Bozho Nikan,

This year seems to be flying by! Our Family Reunion Festival is right around the corner. Keep watching the web site www.potawatomi.org and the Hownikan for information on

registering for the Festival. Our Tribal employees are working hard on preparations to make this year’s Festival even better than the last. My deepest heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every employee for your hard work each and every day and especially at this time of the year.

With Festival also comes our Tribal elections. Every eligible voting member of the Tribe should have received your request for an absentee ballot to use. If you are not able to vote in person on Sat., June 27 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., the request for your absentee ballot must be

postmarked by June 7 and then you will receive your ballot. Once you have completed your ballot it must be received by the Election Committee in the Post Office Box by 10 a.m. on June 27.

I respectfully ask for your vote so I may continue to serve you, the members of our great Nation. I hope for the opportunity to continue to work with our Tribe’s leaders towards a bright future for our Tribe so we can continue to provide the benefits to our members that so many of us need. I would also like to see these benefits continue to expand to

include more services to our elders as well as continued support of higher education to our members. I am honored to have worked with the other legislators for the past 8 years and hope for the opportunity to continue to do so. I hope I have earned your trust and support, most importantly take the time to vote. Make your voice heard. Your vote is vital.

I appreciate the continued support of my colleagues and their positive remarks and messages. Whatever the outcome I have gotten more out of my service than what I put in. When my service began on

the business committee eight years ago I had no idea what amazing things I was about to learn and be a part of and I wish to thank you all for that opportunity and I look forward to continuing to learn and grow as a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as one of your Oklahoma legislative representatives.

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Karter Makenzie Alderman

Karter Makenzie Alderman, 17 of Shawnee, Okla. was born October 21, 1997 and passed March 14, 2015.

He was preceded in death by too many family members to mention.

Survived by father Marq Alderman of Shawnee, mother Jenifer O'Connor of Shawnee, brothers Kole, Calvin and Nathan Alderman of the home, sister Shelby Alderman of the home, half-sister Shylee Hayes of Shawnee, grandparents Dianne Alderman of Shawnee and Marcus Alderman of Shawnee. Grandparents Shelia and David Garner of Shawnee, grandfather Steve O'Connor of Konawa, Okla., aunts Brandi Peace of Katy, Texas, Karie Davis of Norman, Okla., Casey Ann Hayes of Tecumseh, Okla., uncle Casey Alderman of Shawnee and numerous cousins and many, many friends.

Funeral services were Mar. 20, 2015 at Wallace Avenue Baptist Church with Pastor Kent Wooster officiating. Burial followed in Dale Cemetery with pallbearers Christian Williams, Tristan Benard, Enrique Villalobos, Dalton Helms, Dakota McCoy, Ty Fox, Cristain Strictland, and Tyanan Walton.

There has been a Tragedy Trust Fund set up at Mid First Bank in Shawnee, Okla. in memory of Karter to help with memorial costs.

Patsy Joan (Higbee) Smith

Mrs. Smith was born to Arthur and Christina (Friend) Higbee on January 2, 1930 east of Lexington, Okla. She departed this life on March 4, 2015 in Noble at the age of 85.

Mrs. Smith attended the Canada School and graduated with the Noble High School Class of (1948). She enjoyed athletics during her school years and excelled in basketball and softball.

On May 4, 1948 she and Mr. Clyde

(Buddy) Smith were married in Lexington. They made their home in Noble. They were married for 49 years before he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Smith put her family first in her life; she was a wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a fulltime homemaker for many years before working outside the home. She loved cooking and canning the vegetables she grew in her garden. She diligently worked in her flower beds and kept up the yard work. Later, she was employed with the local grocery store in Noble and learned how to process meat. She was employed with Myer Meat Processing in Norman and also in Noble. She worked for many years with the Cleveland County Courthouse as custodian and was honored with a retirement party in 1995. She and Buddy loved to travel and spend time at their Colorado home.

She was an avid OU sports fan, and was always cheering them on. She bowled in tournament leagues in and out of state and was always proud to bring home the trophies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Buddy, three brothers; L.B., Hill and Verl Higbee, and four Sisters; Alda Glenn, Dollie Black, Idell DeHeer and Dane Dragoo.

Survivors include her son, Mike Smith (Cindy) of Choctaw, her daughter Patty Moulton (Ron) of Broken Arrow, Okla., two brothers; Ronnie and Corky Higbee, five grandchildren; Marcus, Matthew, Shannon, Traci and Tyler, 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and other relatives and friends.

Louise Cecilia Roberts

Louise Cecilia Roberts, 87, of Moberly, Mo. passed away Mar. 3, 2015 at The Bluffs in Columbia, Mo.

She was born October 11, 1927, in Salisbury, Mo., the daughter of Alexander and Cecilia Helen (Ablen) Richstatter. On February 28, 1946 she married Glen Roberts.

Louise attended the St. Joseph Catholic School in Salisbury, Mo. She was a member of the St. Pius X Catholic Church in Moberly, Mo. She was a decedent and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She enjoyed gardening, refinishing antiques, and spending time out of doors, in particular fishing.

Survivors include three sons, Russell Roberts and wife Pat of Cedar Hills, Mo., Kevin Roberts and wife Diana of Bloomington, Ill., Roger Roberts of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Glenna Sanders and husband Mike of Columbia, Mo.; 14 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to both her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, William "Billy" Richstatter; five sisters, Hilda Minor, Margaret Smith, Eileen Richstatter, Josephine "Dollie" Richstatter and Martha Richstatter.

A private family burial will be held at a later date at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Salisbury.

Warren Eugene Garrison

Warren Eugene Garrison, 78, passed away peacefully in Sonoma on February 5, 2015. The Angels came to take "Papa" to his Eternal Home in Heaven.

Warren was born May 16, 1936 in Geary, Okla., a descendant of the Citizen Potawatomi Indians. He moved to California with his family when he was six, attended St. Francis Solano School and Sonoma Valley Union High School. After graduating in 1954, he enlisted and served as an Airman Third-Class studying radar and electronics in the U.S. Air Force. He worked at Sonoma State Hospital for many years. As a longtime member of the V.O.M. Lions club, his fellow lions presented him the John Melvin Fellow Award which is the highest honor of the Lion's International Foundation, for his dedication to Humanitarian Services. He was a hard-working productive man who instilled a strong work ethic and commitment to family by example to all that knew him.

Warren was the beloved and devoted husband of nearly 55 years to Dorothy Garrison; loving father of: Thomas, Jeffrey, Jennifer, and Crystal Garrison; big brother to Charles Garrison (Peggy). Known as "Papa" by his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren (his own and to many others). Let it be said he knew no greater blessing in life than his family and no one feels more blessed to have him be in their lives than his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Warren C. and Lillian Garrison (Sanders), sister, Rita Gregory, and infant daughter, Robin Garrison.

There was a graveside service on Feb. 20, 2015 at Sonoma Mountain Veteran's Cemetery. Memorial donations in Warren's honor may be made to the:

Valley of the Moon Lions Club
976 Glenwood Drive
Sonoma, CA 95476

See more at:
tinyurl.com/WarrenGarrison

Lester Arnold

Lester "Kit-tam-wa" Arnold, 82, of Mayetta, Kan. passed away Mar. 25, 2015 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. He was born March 22, 1933 in Holton, Kan. the son of William and Leona (Pahmahmie) Arnold.

Lester attended Nieve Country School in Jackson County and later earned his G.E.D. He served in the United States Army from 1953 – 1955 during the Korean Conflict. Lester was a self-employed painter since 1979 and had previously worked for Goodyear Rubber and Tire Company.

He was a member of the Potawatomi United Methodist Church, Wa-te-se American Legion Post #410 and Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Lester married Wanda C. Fitzsimmons in May 8, 1965 in Topeka. She preceded him in death on March 24, 1987. He was also preceded in death by a son, Joseph Arnold July 18, 2006 and a brother, Albert Arnold.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura Schreiber (Steve) of Mayetta and Elaine Dreasher (Rick) of Hoyt; four sisters, Josephine "Irene" Fleming of Topeka, Corine Samqua of Topeka, June Bosworth of Ohio and Geneva Curran of Holton; a brother, Robert Arnold of Topeka and four grandchildren, Curtis Dreasher, Justen Dreasher Jamie Arnold and Kurtis Ramage.

Funeral services were Mar. 31, 2015 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with military honors followed in the Holton Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Potawatomi United Methodist Church c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

Pat Prestidge



Pat Prestidge, 68, of Bryant passed away on February 2, 2015. She enjoyed watching football, golf, horse races, spending time with her two little dogs, Toby and Velvet and she will always be remembered for her infectious laughter.

Pat retired from the Sheet Metal Workers Local 36 after 10 years of employment. She is preceded in death by her sister, Tish Terese.

Pat is survived by her two daughters, Debby Lievrow (Frank) and Vicki Ankorn (Paul); four grandchildren, Jake, Jax, Lindy and Nathan; brother, Charles and a host of family and friends who all loved her and will miss her dearly.

A gathering in remembrance was held Feb. 6, 2015 at Dial and Dudley Funeral Home in Bryant. To sign online guestbook visit dialanddudleyfuneralhome.com.

Leona Mars Graves Learned



Leona Mars Graves Learned, 77, walked on peacefully Nov. 8, 2014. She was a CPN Tribal member and a lifelong resident of the Ferndale, Mich. She was the last direct descendent of CPN Tribal member, Amos Mars, whose mother was Clarissa Peltier.

Leona was preceded in death by her father, Amos Mars (CPN Tribal member), mother, Naomi Charette Mars (Bad River Ojibwa tribe) and siblings Muriel, Ruth, Shirley, Louise, Alfred, sons Frankie and Bobby Graves, and their father, Raymond Graves.

Shortly after Leona’s death, her husband, Daniel Learned also passed on. She is survived by her son, David Graves as well as many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Leona led an interesting life. In her early years she was model, later worked undercover for local authorities, and was a volunteer for the Salvation Army in disaster areas across the country. Leona was also a talented musician who was an accomplished pianist as well as a violinist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Leona was laid to rest near her family in a cemetery near Ferndale.

Edward “Skeet” Nelson



Edward Elmer “Skeet” Nelson, 94, passed away on Christmas morning, December 25, 2014, at an Auburn, Kan. nursing home.

He was born July 7, 1920, in Topeka, Kan., the son of Charles O. Sr. and Mary M. Schwartz Nelson.

He attended Topeka Capitol Catholic High School and later enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he was stationed in England as a teletype operator.

After WWII he worked at Non Kem Upholstery and with Manuel Vargas on N. Kansas Ave. before going into the upholstery business for himself. In the 1950s he spent two years re-upholstering all the seats in the Topeka Municipal Auditorium.

Anyone who knew Skeet knew of his love for the game of baseball. This interest had its start with the Topeka Owls (renamed the Topeka Reds) and this led to him becoming a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox. Skeet also coached in the Cosmopolitan Baseball League.

He lived in Topeka most of his life except for a few years in California. He drove his parents to California six times to see his brother and sister’s families. He took care of his parents at their home until they passed on.

Skeet had a love for dogs, whether it was his cocker spaniel, “Silver”, or the last dog he owned, called “Runt.” Skeet also liked to bowl, hunt, fish, play cards, sit in the porch swing, and entertain his nieces, nephews and the neighborhood children. He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Virginia Kistler, Charles O. Nelson, Jr., Anne Rudolph, David Nelson and Teresa Hertlein. “Uncle Skeet” is survived by fifteen nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their thanks to Meals on Wheels, Homestead Assisted Living in Auburn and Grace Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph’s Church in Topeka officiated by Fr. Tim Haberkorn. Skeet’s nephews, Ed and Jim Rudolph and great-nephews, Mike Rudolph and Tim Hrenchir were some of the pall bearers.

Burial took place at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Topeka.

Ruth Elaine Casner

Ruth Elaine Casner, 62, of Iola, Kan., died at her home Dec. 7, 2014. She was born Aug. 31, 1952 in Fort Scott, Kan., the daughter of Marion R. and Edith Florence (Enos) Lybarger. She married Keith Arnold Casner Feb. 14, 2014 in Yates Center, Kan., and he survives of the home.

Ruth worked as a hairstylist for many years, and she was a verified tribal member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe Indian Nation. Ruth was the third great-granddaughter of Louis and Charlotte Vieux. Her father, Marion, was a survivor of the WWII P.O.W. Camps in Germany.

In addition to her husband Keith, Ruth is also survived by her children, Brent Turner of La Crosse, Wis., Brady Dilda of Fort Scott, Ryan Dilda of Vero Beach, Fla., Chris Dilda of Frisco, Texas, Raef Cameron Lee Casner, and Evan Keith Casner, both of Iola, Kan.; a brother, Gene Lybarger of Fort Scott; four grandchildren, Sadie and Bryanna Turner, Jack Dilda, and Cameron Dilda; and an aunt, LaVon Hill. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Bryan Turner, and a brother, Allen Lybarger.

The family received friends Dec. 9, 2014 at the Konantz-Cheney Funeral Home. Following cremation, Ruth was interred at the Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Care to Share and left in the care of the Konantz-Cheney Funeral Home, 15 W. Wall Street, P.O. Box 309, Fort Scott, KS 66701. Condolences may be emailed to expressions@konantz-cheney.com.

Devron Lee Ross



Devron Lee Ross passed away on Friday, February 6, 2015 following neck surgery. He was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribe and was very grateful for their lending hand.

Devron was a very successful business owner of the Mustang Group, LLC to which he has business partnered with his son, Austin Ross. He loved cooking, especially barbecue. Devron also enjoyed guns and shooting. He took great pride in his involvement with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Devron is survived by his loving mother, Anita Ross; his devoted son, Austin Ross; his brothers Lance and Lane; and his many close friends and family.

A graveside funeral service was held Feb. 10, 2015 at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Oklahoma City.

William James Cartwright



Sargent first class, William James Cartwright completed his final march on July 15,

2014. Sargent Cartwright was a highly decorated marine, having been awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and four Purple Hearts. Sgt Cartwright saw action late in the Second World War, the Korean War, Vietnam and Grenada.

Sgt. Cartwright leaves behind a loving wife, Vivian Cartwright, living siblings, Walter Cartwright, Donalyn (Cartwright) Callaway, Tomi Sackett and Frances Stinson. He also leaves behind his sons, William Robert and Michael Cartwright.

Sgt. Cartwright loved country music. He wrote, sang and played guitar to entertain friends and family. Sgt Cartwright was an avid golfer and a well-respected instructor for adults and children.

Sgt. Cartwright was intelligent, brave, fun loving, tough, articulate and well respected among his peers.

Sgt. Cartwright is gone but not forgotten by those who had the honor to know and love him.

God speed Sgt. Cartwright, you will be loved wherever you go.

Your family

CPN burial assistance through Tribal Rolls

The \$2,000 CPN Burial Assistance Fund is automatically available to all enrolled CPN members. You may fill out a burial assistance fund form if you would like for us to keep it on file in case of any change in resolutions.

Please note: Once a CPN Tribal member has passed, the Tribal Rolls office must

be notified in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

For more information please call Kaleigh Coots at 405-878-5830 or email Kaleigh.coots@potawatomi.org.